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One burglar remains calm, another bolts, as deputies nab gift thieves

By Brenda Balin

Staff Reporter

One family in unincorporated Lake Villa nearly lost Christmas to

a pair of wanna-be Grinches. Cool thinking and fast feet foiled the attempted theft of some gifts.

Thomas Kendall, 37, of 815 Pearl St., Belvedere, Ill., and Kenlee N. Funk, 31, of 27645 Case Road, Wauconda, were taken into custody, and charged with residential burglary, after allegedly breaking into a home on the 38000 block of Fairfield Road.

A woman who lives in the house arrived home on Dec. 7, at about 12:30 p.m., and noticed a late model white Chevrolet Camaro backed up to her garage.

Feeling uneasy about the unfamiliar car, she called a neighbor for help. When the homeowner and her neighbor returned to the home, they pulled up behind the Camaro to keep it from leaving.

At that moment, the garage door opened and there stood Funk, holding gift-wrapped packages taken from inside the residence.

The homeowner noticed a man, later identified as Kendall, in the garage doorway, with his back to her. He immediately fled from the residence through the back door.



Kendall

Funk, on the other hand, remained calm. She not only did not run, but she put down the stolen items, helped herself to a Diet Coke in the garage refrigerator and lit a cigarette.

While the burglar made herself at home, the resident called 911. When Sheriff's Deputies arrived, they immediately took Funk into custody.



Funk

With the assistance of a Lake County Sheriff's K-9 Unit, Kendall was located approximately a mile-and-a-half away, in a wooded area of Grant Forest Preserve.

According to Lake County Sheriff's Office representative Sgt. Christopher

Thompson, it took deputies about an hour-and-a-half to locate Kendall.

Neither subject was armed, and neither one had any previous connection to the victim.

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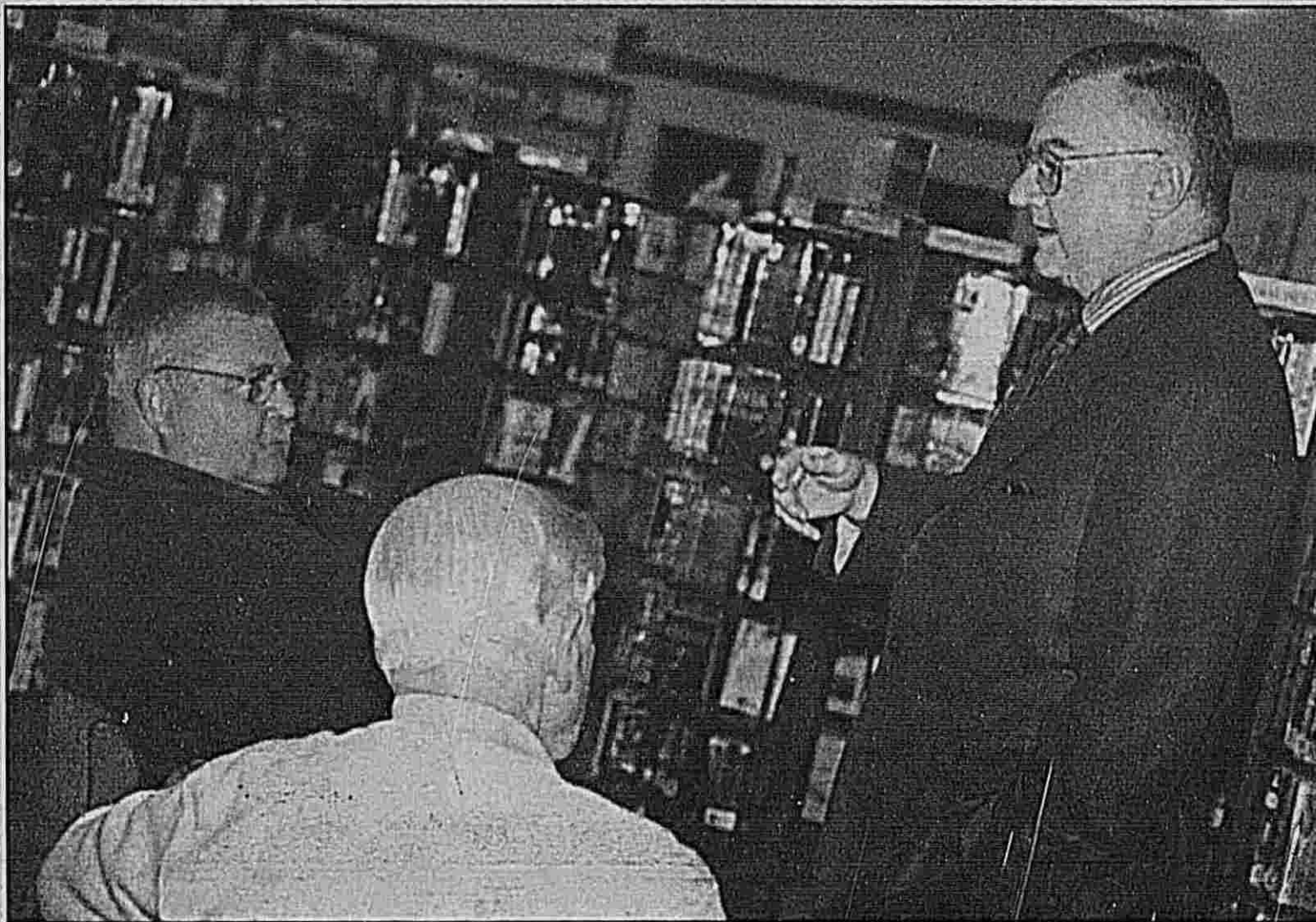


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Former Chicago Sun-Times sports columnist Taylor Bell talks with Bill McKie of Fox Lake and Norbert Pischke of Lake Villa during a presentation about high school basketball in Illinois at the Lake Villa District Library.

Larson, slate to challenge mayor

By Matt Pera

Staff Reporter

Third-term Village Trustee Dorothy Larson has decided to take her involvement in Antioch government a step further, announcing recently that she will run against incumbent mayor, Taso Maravelas, in the April 2005 election.

"I've been very critical of the mayor," Larson said. "He has done things that I don't feel are in the very best interest of the community and the village and I felt it was time to either commit or not commit. You can't stand back and criticize and have no Plan B and this is my Plan B."

Rather than run on her own, Larson has come up with a slate that includes herself, Bob McCarty, who

is currently on the village planning and zoning board, current village trustee Bob Pierce, and Bob Kaiser, who is an internal auditor for the State Bank of the Lakes.

The slate will run under the Citizens for Antioch Party (CAP) which was created specifically for the mayoral election.

While Pierce is running to maintain his seat on the village board, McCarty and Kaiser are vying to acquire trustee positions.

Larson said Kaiser's strong financial background and McCarty's understanding of complicated planning and zoning issues would be beneficial additions to the village board. She added that Pierce was a "proven commodity" as a trustee.

Larson's goal as mayor, she said, would be to cede as much decision-making power as possible to the

board, which is a major reason she compiled the slate.

"It sends a message to community that these trustees are the important people," she said.

After years of economic trouble and antiquated financial records, Larson said she agreed with Mayor Maravelas that Antioch's budget problems have improved greatly over the past few years.

But she cited the village's sewer treatment plant and infrastructure as the most urgent problems in the village, saying repair and renovation was of the utmost importance.

She also said the village board needed to focus on upgrading the storm sewers, calling them "deplorable."

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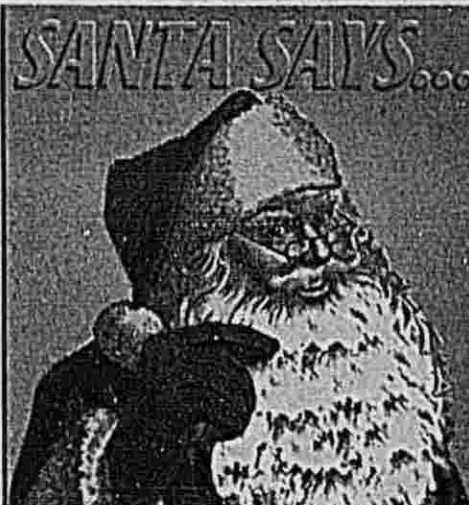
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Scouting for service

By Matt Pera
Staff Reporter

When the auditorium and lobby of the PM & L Theatre in downtown Antioch was renovated last winter, Ross LeFave thought the building still needed some behind the scenes work.

So LeFave, 18, who is currently a senior at Antioch High School, seized the opportunity to clean and paint PM & L's basement dressing rooms and makeup rooms for his Eagle Scout Leadership Project.

While he completed the undertaking last February, the recognition did not come until last month, when he was officially rewarded Eagle Scout status on Nov. 9.

"I honestly could not stop smiling for two days straight," LeFave said of earning the Eagle Scout rank. "It was such a big accomplishment and I was so proud of myself."

The leadership project is one of the most important requirements in becoming an Eagle Scout. The project must be an example of community service and requires the scout to plan, develop and lead a team in its execution.

For LeFave's project, he said he had about 10 fellow scouts working with him over the course of two Saturdays. He estimated that the project took about 12 hours to complete.

Before he and his crew repainted the basement, he said the backstage area was somewhat drab, consisting of drywall and exposed brick.

When he was finished, however, the walls were a vibrant yellow and blue, matching the colors in the theatre area and lobby.

LeFave said PM & L President Tom Hausman, as well as several other members of theatre were thrilled with the results.

"They absolutely love it," he said. "It used to be depressing down there. It was like going to prison or something but now that it's painted they love it. I got so many compliments and thanks."

LeFave and the rest of his family received even more praise from PM & L recently at their annual awards banquet when they were given a "Continued Service" award. His parents, Gene and Kathy,

as well as his brother, Ryan, have volunteered at the theatre for years as ushers and in other hospitality roles.

LeFave has also served as a light technician during two shows at PM & L.

Besides the offstage work, he has also been bitten by the acting bug over past year, playing the role of "Protean Number Two" in PM & L's production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Forum." He also just wrapped up Antioch High School's production of

"Arsenic and Old Lace," in which he landed a major role.

LeFave said the community atmosphere at PM & L is what has kept his family involved for so many years, as well as what prompted him to use his Eagle Scout Leadership Project as an opportunity to help the theatre.

"It's the people really," he said. "They are some of the nicest you'll ever meet and it's like one big family and you always help out family."

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Photo by John Dickson

Ross LeFave, of Antioch, recently became Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 85, in part for the community service work he did at the PM&L Theater in Antioch.

WISHFUL THINKING



Photo by John Dickson

Aaron Veternik, of Lake Villa, gives Santa his Christmas wish list. Children can visit with Santa and have a photo taken if they visit Santa's Enchanted Castle in Antioch.

Story sparks controversy

By Matt Pera
Staff Reporter

An article written by former Antioch News reporter Julie Murphy caused debate at the Antioch Village Board meeting Dec. 6, leading to some terse words between elected officials.

In the article, Murphy cited two anonymous department heads who said they had been instructed by Village administrator Allen Probst and Antioch Mayor Taso Maravelas to "create a position" for a 64-year-old woman whose resume listed Maravelas as a reference. The resume stated she had known the mayor for "25+ years."

The woman in question is currently working four to eight hours a week in the economic development department. Probst said she is helping Elliot Liebson, the director of that department, get files in order, adding the job is temporary and she is making eight dollars an hour with no benefits.

Still, some trustees said they were upset that the job was not brought to the board for consideration before the woman was hired.

"A job was created where there was not one before," Village Trustee Dorothy Larson said. "Whether it is temporary or permanent, if every department did that we would have no idea who the village employees are and who is paying them and which budget the money is coming out of."

Antioch resident Dennis Crosby, who is running for a trustee position in the upcoming April election, opened the Dec. 6 meeting with comments to the board, saying he was "very concerned" with the two department heads' quotes in Murphy's story.

Murphy quoted one official as stating, "The administrator (Probst) said we need to get a job for this person. I take that as we were being asked to create a position."

Crosby said this "malaise needs to be addressed." He added that he had talked to Liebson, who told him that "this lady is doing a great job."

Crosby also suggested the board consider "improving the village's hiring procedures" to ensure such problems did not occur again.

"They hired a good person," he said. "She's doing a good job and the board needs to take a look at what happened and say, 'How can we make the process better?'"

Several members of the board took issue with Crosby's comments.

"The village board has no control over articles that are written in the newspaper and the mayor can speak for himself," trustee Barbara Porch said. "And here you are speaking on his behalf. It amazes me."

Maravelas countered Porch's statement, saying, "Young lady, I'm a big boy and I do my own talking."

After the meeting, the mayor said the individual who was hired had worked for him thirty years ago. He said he had not seen her since then and did not remember her initially when she approached him recently and asked if any jobs were available in the village.

Maravelas said he introduced the woman to Probst and only coincidentally was at the meeting when Probst distributed her resume to department heads, adding he frequently sits in on such meetings.

"I didn't know if she was hired or what position they were looking at for her," he said. "I had no idea and I don't micromanage."

Mary J. Turner was another trustee upset with how the hiring took place, saying anyone hired into a position that had not previously existed needed approval

from the board.

She asked that Probst write a memo outlining the woman's duties, how much she is paid and how long she will be working with the economic development department.

On Dec. 8, Probst said he had completed that memo. Pending review of that memo, Larson said she expected the board would approve the position.

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Maravelas announces re-election bid

By Matt Pera
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Antioch Mayor Taso Maravelas said when he was elected four years ago, the village had its share of problems.

"When I took over, I think there was chaos," he said. "A lot of my work was trying to straighten out the mess."

With his term up in April 2005, Maravelas said he wants to continue to make Antioch a better place, recently announcing his bid for re-election.

His opponent in the mayoral race will be third-term village trustee Dorothy Larson.

Maravelas said the major problem he ran into at the beginning of his term four years ago was the dire straits of the village's finances.

After struggling with a deficit for close to five years, Maravelas said the village is finally out of the hole.

In order to improve money management, Antioch also recently purchased a new server, the \$400, which will allow administrators to keep better track of their budgets.

"Now every department of the village will be able to talk to one another and we will know exactly where we are (financially)," Maravelas said.

Maravelas has devised a five-point plan that he will implement if re-elected next year on April 5, which he issued in a statement.

The first point of the plan calls for continued modernization of village finances, such as implementation of the \$400.

His second goal is to continue rebuilding roads, sewers and water lines in the village.

"Next year all the streets will be paved," he said. "When I took office there was no major road program."

This portion of his plan also called for sewer realignment, which he said should be finished by the end of this month.

In the third point of his plan, Maravelas said he wants to foster growth in Antioch without compromising the village's history. The fourth part of the plan calls for expanding and improving the redevelopment of the downtown shopping district.

In order to accomplish this, the mayor said he recently hired a redevelopment specialist to assess Antioch's potential.

"We're going to try to make it even better for people to work, shop and live downtown," he said.

The final item in the plan is to build a "recreation campus" that includes year-round facilities for swimming, running, exercising.

In an earlier statement, Maravelas said he was excited for the opportunity to continue his duties as mayor.

"It has been my honor to serve the citizens of Antioch these past four years," he said. "With the support of these people, working together, we can do anything."

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SCHOOLNEWS

Movie Night

The next District 41 PTO Movie Night will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, at Martin School (Dering Lane, off Route 59, north of Grand Avenue). Admission is \$5 per student, and \$1 for snacks. Admission is limited to District 41 students in grades K-6. Parents drop off students at 6 p.m. and pick them up promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Millburn musical program

Millburn School's Third Grade Music Program called "Holiday Wishes" will be performed for the students on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 1:30 p.m. and for the parents and families at 7 p.m. It will feature several soloists and dancing.

LCHS performances

Students at Lake Community High School, on Grass Lake Road, just east of Deep Lake Road, will be offering two performing arts events this month.

From Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 9-12, at 7 p.m. nightly, there will be free performances of the play "I Remember Mama," a story, both funny and touching, of a Swedish immigrant family at the turn of the century.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m., a free holiday concert will be held.

Students from the school's brass band performed a selection of Christmas songs at the November Holiday Luncheon held by the Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce.

Gift of Giving

Lindenhurst Early Childhood Center's annual "Gift of Giving" effort includes collections of new and (gently) used toys and clothing as well as participation in the "Adopt an Angel" campaign, to fulfill the wishes of needy children.

For more information, call Frank Davis, at 847-356-2288.

School tours

The Lake Villa C.C. District 41 school board has been touring the schools at a rate of one each month, beginning with Thompson, in October, and Martin, in

November. The remaining tours, at 6 p.m. on each date, are Hooper (Jan. 12) and Pleviak (Feb. 23). No official board business is taking place at the time of the tours.

Seats open on Dist. 41 board

Three seats on the Lake Villa C.C. School District 41 Board of Education will be up for election in the Consolidated Election on April 5, 2005. All vacancies are for full four-year terms of office.

The vacancies are open to any individual with the following qualifications: a citizen of the United States 18 years of age or over on the date of the election; a resident of the State of Illinois and District 41 for at least one year immediately preceding the election and a registered voter.

Nominating petition packets are available in the District Central Office, 131 McKinley Avenue, Lake Villa from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Petitions are to be filed no earlier than Monday, Jan. 17, and no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Millburn preschool screening

Millburn School is offering preschool screenings on Friday, Jan. 28, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This is available to district 3-4 year olds with suspected developmental delays. Parents should bring an original county certificate of their child's birth (hospital certificates are not valid certification). Also needed is proof of residency, which could include a driver's license, utility bill, voter registration, etc. Developmental areas evaluated will include speech and language, small and gross motor skills and cognitive and pre-academic skills. To schedule an appointment, call 847-245-2777.

Yearbook photos sought

The Thompson Yearbook Committee is collecting photos that parents have taken at school events. If parents would like to donate photos, they may send them to school in an envelope addressed to Mr. Wawiora.

Shop with a cop

The Antioch Police Department will host its first annual Shop With a Cop program on Thursday, Dec. 16, sponsored by Raymond Chevrolet. Mark Scarpelli of Raymond Chevrolet approached Chief Chuck Fagan about beginning the program and offered to sponsor the shopping. Chief Fagan added Mark Scarpelli approached them about starting this program after Mark learned about it being done in other communities. They both saw a need for it in our growing community where they could help brighten the holiday spirits for families needing opportunities. Walmart Supercenter immediately jumped on board offering to help and support this effort as well.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, 40 children along with their parents, will arrive at the Antioch Police Department and be treated to pizza, pop and a tour of the police station before being transported to the Walmart Supercenter

for a Christmas shopping spree. Children will arrive at the Walmart escorted by one of the many Antioch Police Officers volunteering their time for this event. Once at the store the children will have an opportunity to receive additional treats and gifts along with a visit with Santa sponsored by Walmart Supercenter.

The children are chosen by the Antioch Police Department, with the assistance of Antioch School District 34, to assist families who for a variety of reasons could use a little extra help during the holiday season. Each of the children will receive up to \$100 to spend on gifts of toys, books, and clothing for themselves and family members. Only those children selected can participate.

Chief Fagan wishes to thank Raymond Chevrolet, Walmart Supercenter, and Antioch School District 34 for their assistance.

Antioch students inducted into National Honor Society

Fifty-one students from Antioch Community High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in a recent ceremony.

Members were selected by the Faculty Council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

The students inducted were:

Melissa Alm, Joseph Barlow, Charles Behrendt, Carter Bell, Althea Betke, Maggie Bodanyi, Justin Brown, Tiffany Chilcote, Lindsay Clutter, Kimberly Conley, Colleen Curtis, Rebecca Dean, Robert Dzike, Jessica Gaido, Abby Girod, Hannah Hagert, Bridget Haley, Simon Helgason, John Heneberry, Elisabeth Hibner, Brett Hinrichs, Stephan Hombaker, Kevin Huebner, Kelly Inman, Rana Kasper, Loren Klick, Jamie Leavitt, Sarah Lenkowski, Jessica Luzwick, Scott McAlonan, Caitlin McGill, Meghan McGrath, Alex McKenzie, Jessica McWilliams, Mark Messner, Grace Miller, Brenda Moechoe, Kelsie Morway,

Jill Norwick, Jamie Pontikes, Kristofer Poulsen, Brendan Powers, Ryan Raetzman, Brittney Rosenzweig, Lauren Schartz, Hannah Scheidt, George Scupham, Katherine Sprague, Lauren Vance, Timothy Verbeke.

"National Honor Society members are chosen for, and then expected to continue, their exemplary contribution to the school and community," Pam Pleviak, the chapter advisor, said.

The ACHS chapter of the National Honor Society has been active since 1949.

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- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2003 were \$2,464,195.
The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2004 are \$2,760,204. This represents a 12% increase over the previous year.
- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2003 were \$198,172.
The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2004 are \$205,196 This represents a 3.5% increase over the previous year.
- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2003 were \$2,662,367.
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Fugitive from justice

Richard T. Jones, 41, of 38340 N. Dion Circle, Spring Grove, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 1, at 7:50 p.m., while driving a 1989 four-door Lincoln eastbound on Route 173 at Tiffany Road. Police observed tinted side windows and an improperly placed registration sticker. Police checked with LEADS/NCIC and found the driver's Colorado license was suspended. Jones was also wanted on a nationwide warrant from Jefferson County, Colo., for felony theft. The driver posted bond on the traffic charges of obstructed side windows, driving with a suspended license and improper display of registration. He was then turned over to Lake County Jail, pending transportation to Jefferson County.

No valid driver's license

Jesus Martinez-Jimenez, 30, of 701 Lake St., Antioch, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 5, at 4:56 p.m., while driving a red 1988 Toyota TK on Route 59 near Lake Street. He was charged with driving with only one red taillight, and no valid driver's license. He was able to produce only a Mexican identification card.

He was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 12, at 9 a.m.

Driving with a revoked license

John M. Vires, 29, of 42460 Lake Ave., Antioch, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 2, at 7:54 p.m., while driving a blue 1982 Buick Regal on Victoria near Lake Antioch. The driver was charged with driving with a revoked license, and was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 26, at 9 a.m.

Driving with a suspended license

John Patrick Heffernan, 50, of 24153 W. Townline Road, Lake Villa, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 6, at 8:29 p.m., while driving a red 1986 Ford pickup truck southbound on Route 59 near 173. He was stopped for going through a red light. He was charged with disobeying a traffic control device and driving with a suspended license. He was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 26, at 10:30 a.m.

LAKE VILLA

Theft from school

On Nov. 29, at 7:40 a.m., Lake Villa Police received a report of thefts that occurred at Palombi Middle School, 133 McKinley Avenue, sometime between 8:35 p.m. on Nov. 23-6:45 a.m. on Nov. 29. The following items were missing: 10 hand-held Radio Shack "walkie-talkies," five charger bases for the radios and four plug-in headphone sets, all valued at \$490. Additionally, \$30 was missing from the school library cash box, which held fines paid for overdue books. There appeared to be no forced entry wither into the cash box or the school. Police reports indicated an unsuccessful attempt appeared to have been made to break into cafeteria cash registers.

Driving with a suspended license

Crystal D. Kunkel, 22, of 37220 N. Route 59, Lake Villa, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Nov. 27, at 6:55 p.m., while driving a red 1998 Pontiac Grand Am eastbound on Route 132 near Cedar Avenue. The driver was observed going 44 mph in a 30-mph zone. Her insurance had expired in April 2004. She was charged with speeding, driving with a suspended license and driving an uninsured motor vehicle. She was released on a \$2,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 12, at 1:30 p.m.

Theft from motor vehicle

On Nov. 30, at 9:58 a.m., Lake Villa Police received a report that a black 1997 Jeep Wrangler at Lake Villa Auto Repair, 400 E. Grand Ave., appeared to have been vandalized. The passenger side door was missing from the vehicle, which had been parked at the site for five days.

LINDENHURST

Warrant arrest

Sarah S. Sou, 22, of 2308 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 4, at 5:37 a.m., while driving a red 1998 Mazda 626 on Sand Lake Road near Cross Creek. The driver was stopped for having tinted windows, and found wanted on a warrant from Cook County. He was charged with tinted windows, driving an uninsured motor vehicle and expired registration. On those charges, he was served a notice to appear in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 5, at 9 a.m. He posted \$500 cash bond pending an appearance in Rolling Meadows on Jan. 27, at 1:30 p.m.

Driving with a revoked license

Crystal D. Simons, 26, of 344 Park Ave., Antioch, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 3, at 3:46 p.m., while driving a gray 1989 Pontiac Bonneville on Route 45 near Sand Lake Road. She was charged with driving with a revoked license and driving an uninsured motor vehicle. She was released on a \$2,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 5, at 10:30 a.m.

Driving with a suspended license

Judith McGee, 48, of 4447 Church St., Skokie, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 3, at 9:09 p.m., while driving a silver-colored 1998 Volvo 570 eastbound on Route 132 near Deerpath. She was observed driving 49 mph in a 35-mph zone. Her license was suspended for emissions. She was charged with speeding and driving with a suspended license. She was released on a \$1,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 5, at 9 a.m.

Unlawful use of driver's license

Michael J. Marasovic, 17, of 101 Bridgworth Dr., Antioch, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 3, at 6:51 p.m., while driving a red 1993 Chevy Caprice on Sand Lake Road near Country Place. He was stopped for driving 43 mph in a 30-mph zone. He presented an expired driver's license for Kyle R. Christopher, then tried to take it back from police. He then explained he used the expired license to buy cigarettes. He will not be 18 until Jan. 30. Police found cigarettes in Marasovic's pocket. He was charged with speeding, unlawful use of a driver's license, driving an uninsured motor vehicle and unlawful possession of cigarettes by a minor. He was released on a \$2,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 5, at 10:30 a.m.

DUI ARRESTS

The following people have been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Joseph P. Szajkowski, 38, of 42616 Lake Drive, Antioch, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 5, at 1:16 a.m., while driving a white 1999 Chevy Ventura van on Route 173 near Pederson Park. He was charged with improper lane usage (left of center), improper lane usage (right of fog line) and DUI. He was released on a cash bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Jan. 11, at 9 a.m.

Walter C. Harmon, 47, of 42411 Addison Ave., Antioch, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 3, at 6:43 p.m., while driving a blue 1991 Honda at the Wal-Mart at 475 E. Route 173. He was charged with parking in a fire lane, illegal transport of alcohol, DUI, failure to notify the secretary of state of an address change, no valid registration, obstructing an officer and resisting an officer. He refused breath tests. He was released on a \$3,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Jan. 6, at 9 a.m.

Robert A. Frolic, 39, of 40536 N. Bluff Lake Drive, Antioch, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 2, at 2 a.m., while driving a black 1998 BMW on Grimm Road, east of Route 173. He was charged with speeding (56 mph in a 40-mph zone), driving an uninsured motor vehicle and DUI. He failed field sobriety tests, and refused breath testing. He was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Jan. 11.

Edward A. Horner, 27, of 2625 Glen Flora, Waukegan, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 2, at 2:43 a.m., while driving a green 1999 Dodge Stratus on Main Street near Ida. He was seen driving 37 mph in a 20-mph zone. He failed field sobriety tests, and a breath test yielded a result of .139 BAC. He was charged with DUI, DUI over .08 BAC, speeding, improper lane usage and failure to notify the secretary of state of an address change. He was released on a cash bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Jan. 4, at 9 a.m.

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Graceland Baptist Church, 258 Ida St., Antioch, IL. Sunday School 11am, Morning Worship 11am, Sunday Evening 7pm. Robert Williams, Pastor.

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Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, worshipping at Antioch/Lake Villa Township Center, 1625 Deep Lake Rd. Pastor Darold Gruen, Phone (847) 265-2450. Sunday Worship at 9am, Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Classes 10:45am.

Heritage Lutheran Church, Lindenhurst Civic Center, 1949 Old Elm Rd., Lindenhurst, (847) 356-1766. Sunday service 10:00 am, Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 am. (summer schedule - 9:00 am Sunday) Rev. Mark W. Anderson, Pastor.

St. Ignatius Episcopal, 500 Depol St. Antioch Phone (847) 395-0652. Low Mass 7:30am., High Mass 9:30am Sunday School & Nursery 9:30am. Rev. Vincent Eckholm, Pastor.

Cross View Church (formerly Antioch Evangelical Free Church) 750 Highview Drive, Antioch, IL 847-395-4117 Sunday Worship Services 9:00am and 10:30am Sunday School for all ages (nursery provided) Call for more information.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1155 Hillside Ave. Phone (847) 395-3359. Sunday Worship, 8:00, 9:30, 10:45am. Rev. Roger Black, Pastor. Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm

Christian Life Fellowship Assemblies of God Church, 41625 Deep Lake Rd., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-8572. Sunday School (all ages) 9am., Sunday Morning Worship 10am., Children's Church 10am., Sunday Evening Worship 6:30pm., Wednesday Worship & Children's Program 7am., Tues. Women's Fellowship & Bible Study 9-11:30am. Jeff Brussaly, Pastor.

Antioch Baptist Church, 817 Holbeck Dr., Antioch, Phone (847) 769-5332. Sunday Morning Worship 10:15am., Sunday evening Service 6:00pm., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm. Pastor Ken Foster.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran, 1275 Main St., Phone (847) 395-1660. Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30am., Sunday School 9:25am., Mon. Worship 7:00pm Pastors Gregory Hermanson & Aaron Christie. Christian Day School (847) 395-1664.

Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ, Grass Lake Rd. at Rte. 45. Phone (847) 356-5237. Sunday Service 10am. Children's Program 10am. Rev. Paul R. Meltzer, Pastor.

Antioch United Methodist Church, 848 Main St., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1259. Rev. Gary Curt, Pastor. Sunday Worship 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's church and Sunday School. Adult Groups at 9:15 a.m. Nursery care for children through 3 years of age from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

St. Peter's Church, 557 W. Lake St., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-0274. Masses weekdays, 7:30am; Sunday 6:30, 8, 9:30, 11:30am & Saturday 5:30pm. Rev. Father Ronald H. Anglim, Pastor.

Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church, 43 W. Grass Lake Rd., Phone (847) 838-0103. Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:00. Sunday School. Rev. Kerry Bauman, Senior Pastor

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), 25100 W. Grand Ave. (Rte. 59 & 132), Lake Villa, (847) 356-5158. Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45am; Sunday School (3 and up) and Bible Study 9:30am. Christian Preschool. Rev. John Zellmer, Pastor.

Lighthouse Church of Antioch, 554 Parkway Ave., Antioch, IL (847) 838-0616. Saturday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Adventure Club for Kids, Adult Bible Study Saturday Evening 6:00 p.m. Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evening PTSD Support Group 7:00 p.m. Senior Pastor Tom Bartmer.

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Red flags

Is someone using your identity?

By Jeff Zachary, Nicholas Alajakis and Laura Jastram

Staff Reporters

According to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, identity theft involves acquiring someone's information such as name, date of birth, home address, social security number and things like the victim's mother's maiden name in order to impersonate him or her. This information enables the thief to commit numerous forms of fraud including taking over the victims financial accounts, opening new bank accounts, purchasing automobiles, applying for loans, credit cards and social security benefits.

Identity theft is the fastest growing white-collar crime in the United States.

And nobody is exempt from this crime, including top law enforcement officials.

During the recent campaign for the Lake County State's Attorney's office, incumbent Mike Waller, as well as his Democratic opponent Mike Jacobs, both said they had been victims of identity theft.

In fact, Reginald Greenwood, 31, of 1321 Martin Luther King Drive, in North Chicago is currently serving a three year prison sentence after being convicted of forgery for signing for a package of new clothes from a retailer that was ordered with the State's Attorney's credit card number.

Greenwood had got the number from Shemaca Rollins, 21, of Waukegan, who took a receipt with the credit card number from Waller's residence when she worked there for a cleaning service.

The crime against him was ironic, Waller admits, because one of the things he had always mentioned to people when he discussed identity theft protection, was properly disposing of receipts.

"One of the first things I told people was to buy a shredder," Waller said. "Afterwards, I went out and got one. I use it regularly now."

But Greenwood seems to be an exception to the rule as only a small percentage of criminals are caught and charged with using someone else's identity.

At a seminar on 'how to prevent someone from stealing your identity' at the Round Lake Area Public Library, Detective Sgt. Andy Orians from the Round Lake Police Department, told those in attendance that even though it may be impossible to prevent someone from stealing their identity there were things people could do to lessen their chances.

"Thieves have discovered a fairly easy way to make money with identity theft," Orians said. "And the arrest rate is less than five percent. If

someone wants your identity they can probably get it. All they need is your social security number."

Orians then half jokingly gave the audience some simple ways to prevent identity theft.

"Basically you can quit your job; get rid of all your phones; get rid of your computer; sell your house; change your name; change your social security number; and live in a tree," Orians said. "And I still can't guarantee that your identity won't be stolen."

The 21-year police veteran then gave some practical ways to prevent identity theft which included promptly removing mail from your mailbox after delivery and only depositing outgoing mail in post office collection mailboxes or at the post office.

"Never put your outgoing mail in your mailbox and then put the red flag up," Orians said. "This just tips off the bad guys that there are some goodies inside."

Orians added that stealing people's mail from their mailboxes when the red flags are up is the number one way that criminals get somebody's identification.

Other safety tips include never giving out personal information over the telephone, such as your social

security number, date of birth or your credit card number unless you have initiated the phone call.

"In fact, never even carry your social security card with you," Orians said. "You already know what it is and you don't want to give it to someone else if you lose your wallet or purse or if it is stolen."

Since 2001, Lake County has had a Cyber Crime Unit, which specializes - in among other things - the detection of identity theft over the Internet, Waller said.

The unit goes into extensive training with local police to help them deal with identity theft.

Round Lake Beach Detective Gary Lunn said he is seeing an alarming number of identity theft cases. "It's absolutely ridiculous how fast

this crime is growing," Lunn said.

The detective added that one of the first things you need to do if you suspect you are a victim of identity theft is to report your suspicions to the local police and contact your credit card companies.

Lunn then produced information that said that identity thieves do not fit any particular stereotype. He said that thieves sometimes search through trash cans at mortgage companies and banks looking for information.

"Sometimes they even look through residential garbage cans," Lunn said.

Both Detective Lunn and Detective Orians said that shredding any paperwork that has information like personal credit card numbers or social security numbers is a good idea.

They also recommend calling the fraud units of the three major credit reporting agencies if you are a victim of identity theft.

Another thing that most people never even think about is having their personal checks mailed to them.

"Don't do it," Orians said. "Be safe and pick up your

checks in person at the bank."

Grayslake Police Department's Operations Commander Matt McCutcheon said identity theft is "increasingly becoming more common."

At the Grayslake Police Department Detective Shane McConnell handles local identity theft cases. Besides serving with the Grayslake Police for the last three years, McConnell is a part of the Lake County High Technology Task Force. This task force specializes with identity theft cases among other cyber-crimes.

McCutcheon said when someone comes to report an identity theft crime, an evaluation must be done. This determines whether the case is in the scope of only the Grayslake Police. If not, Grayslake will pass the case along to work cooperatively the task force, which is run by the state's attorney.

Sometimes cases are so spread out covering multiple police jurisdictions, McCutcheon said.

If Grayslake can handle the case, they generally try to trace back any goods ordered on fraudulent credit.

Identity thieves have been known to target their victims by looking for mailboxes with their flags up, like this one in Grayslake's Prairie Crossing neighborhood, to signal there is sent mail inside.

Photo by Sandy Bressner



Photo by John Dickson

Cathy Warner of Round Lake jots down a note during Detective Sgt. Andrew Orians's presentation on identity theft. Orians, who is with the Round Lake Police Department Detective Division, gave a presentation on avoiding identity theft at the Round Lake Library.

Report all suspected fraud to the three national consumer-reporting agencies: Ask each agency to place a "fraud alert" on your credit report and send you a copy of your credit file:

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Lakes Area Community Band performs at new school

Lakes Area Community Band will be presenting its annual Christmas Concert Monday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the new Lakes Community High School Auditorium, 1600 Eagle Way, Lake Villa (northeast corner of Grass Lake Road and Deep Lake Road).

Selections will include many traditional favorites by Irving Berlin, Leroy Anderson, Tchaikovsky and others, as well as some exciting new pieces. There will also be a guest appearance by members of the Lakes Area Community Chorus.

Admission is free, and refreshments will be

served after the concert.

Under the direction of Steve Porch, Lakes Area Community Band is a 40-member, not-for-profit group of musicians from the area who volunteer their time and talents purely for the love of making music.

Formed over 12 years ago and sponsored by Festival Arts of Antioch, the band rehearses every Monday evening from 7-9 p.m., and performs 8-10 free concerts per year.

All musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. For more information, call Debbie, at 847-395-0272.

GRINCHES

"It was random," Thompson said. "It was a crime of opportunity." Thompson said the home was somewhat secluded, in a wooded area, providing cover for the burglary.

Both subjects were transported to the Criminal Investigations Division of the Lake County Sheriff's Office in Waukegan.

Kenlee Funk has been charged with one count of residential burglary, a class 1 felony. Her bond has been set at \$20,000 and she remains in the Lake County Jail.

Thomas Kendall has been charged with

one count of residential burglary and one of count of obstruction of justice, a class 4 felony. Kendall, who has a history of burglary convictions, also has warrants for his arrest out of McHenry County for probation violation and Boone County for obstruction of justice. He remains in the Lake County Jail with a bond amount of \$50,000.

Both arrestees have a court date of Dec. 13, for status of attorney, in Courtroom C-120, in Waukegan.

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LARSON

"People are going to bed who worry that, if it rains, it will back up in their homes," she said. "They should have every promise that the village will provide the service it is required to."

The Oakwood Mills subdivision has had the most problems with storm runoff as of late, she said.

Larson said she and the rest of the slate are optimistic they can win in April.

"In the last two months since the announcement we haven't spoke with one person that doesn't think it will be a landslide," she said. "People are upset with what's gone on in Antioch."

Larson cited resignations and firings of several department heads as one indication that village affairs were not running smoothly.

"We need to make certain that there is not one village employee that has to worry about a job," she said.

Maravelas said he has hired 26 village employees who hold either Masters or Bachelors degrees. He also said he has pulled the village out of its financial woes.

"This administration inherited a village on the brink of bankruptcy and now we're in the black," he said.

Still, Larson said she and her slate are gaining support in the community.

"That's what it's going to take—neighbors telling neighbors and asking them to support us," she said. "We need good people sitting on that board."

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Museums hibernate

By Matt Pera

Staff Reporter

While the Lakes Region Historical Society is getting ready to close its doors for the season, the organization will remain busy throughout the winter.

Wendy Maston, president of the historical society, said the group would be working on various projects in preparation for the spring.

The final event of the year was Dec. 5, when the group will hold its annual Holiday Party at the Meeting House in Antioch.

"It's just a final get-together before the holiday season," Maston said. "During the months of January and February the museum is closed because there are very few visitors at that time."

The Meeting House, which holds several exhibits about Antioch's history, will close after the holiday party and re-open on the first Sunday of March 2005.

The School House on the corner of Depot and Main Streets in Antioch, which is also managed by the historical society, will remain open to the public on Dec. 13 and 18, then will also close until March of next year.

When both museums close, the historical society will continue a campaign in which it is offering local businesses a chance to sponsor new display cases at the Meeting House.

The new cases will make it possible to

bring several collections out of storage and exhibit them to the public.

Maston said the historical society had already received donations from State Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis (R-Zion), State Bank of the Lakes, Strangs Funeral Home and Tiffany Real Estate.

Maston added that her organization would also be working to improve their military display and a fairly new exhibit called "Made in Antioch," which highlights village businesses that have left their mark on the community.

The military display features artifacts from every American conflict up to Desert Storm, and Maston said they are always looking for more tokens from local veterans.

The historical society is also going to devote its time to creating an archival and research center over the winter in a building next to the Meeting House.

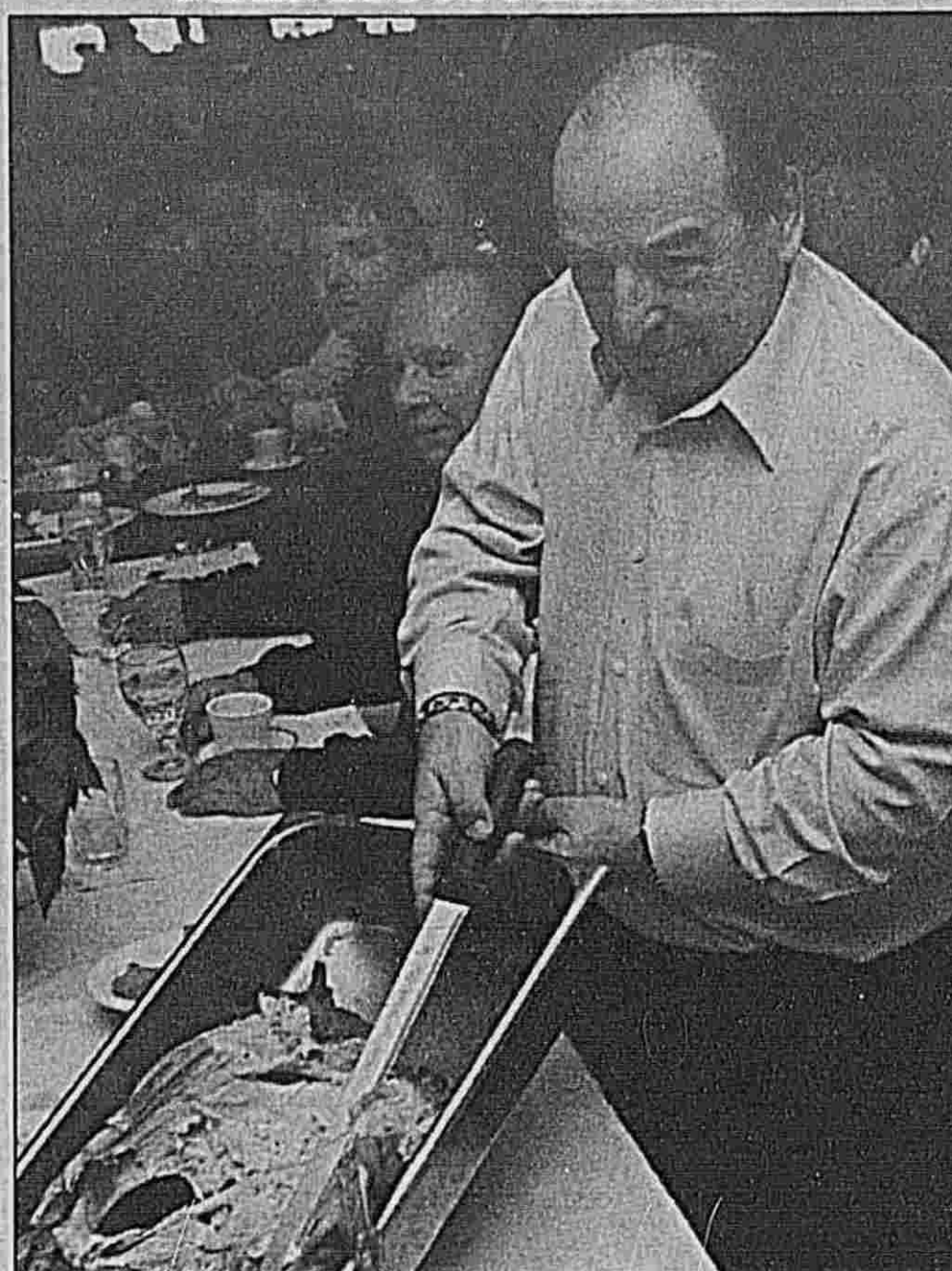
Maston said the center would allow residents to research their genealogy as well as Antioch history.

The Meeting House has now been under the care of the historical society for two years, and Maston said the community utilized the museum much more this season.

"Overall, I feel pretty good about the year because the Meeting House was used a lot more," she said. "It's available for use by the public and it has been used by lots of community organizations."

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MARVELOUS MARAVELAS



Taso Maravelas, owner of Maravela's Banquet Hall in Fox Lake and Mayor of Antioch, carves a turkey during the sixteenth annual Whole Turkey Luncheon in Fox Lake. This holiday tradition will be managed by the Fox Lake Parks and Recreation Department next year.

Photo by John Dickson

First National Bank-Employee Owned holds Casual Day for Christmas Wishes

First National Bank-Employee Owned (FNBE), with locations in Antioch and Gurnee, will be holding a Casual Because We Care Day to benefit the Antioch Jaycees Christmas Wishes program on Friday, December 10, 2004.

The Antioch Christmas Wishes program delivers gifts to children in need for the holidays. Presents are donated by community members who pick a child's name from a list provided by the Jaycees. Names are available at First National Bank-Employee Owned, located

at 485 Lake Street in Antioch. Gifts need to be wrapped and returned to the bank lobby for delivery by Monday, Dec. 20.

"This is the 18th year in which the Antioch Jaycees have coordinated the Christmas Wishes Program," said Joel Johnson vice president at First National Bank-Employee Owned and Antioch Jaycee. "With strong involvement from our local businesses, organizations and individuals, the Antioch Jaycees hope to make the Christmas season a little brighter for children of less fortunate families in Antioch."

As part of FNBE's Casual Because We Care Day, employees are encouraged to dress casual in exchange for a \$2 donation each for a cause or charity that has been suggested by an Employee Owner. All proceeds for FNBE's December 10 Casual Because We Care Day will go towards gifts for the Christmas Wishes program.

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I graduated from:
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Community involvement:
Was treasurer of the Round Lake High School Boosters' Club

What I like most about my town:
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My hobbies:
Reading, visiting with my grandson, snowmobiling and bowling

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"Funny Girl"

My favorite band:
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My favorite sports team:
Chicago Cubs

My favorite local restaurant:
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My favorite home-cooked meal:
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The person I admire the most:
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BIRTHS

Anni June Kuningas, a daughter, was born Nov. 24 at Centegra Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry, to Kelly and Hannes Kuningas of Crystal Lake. Her siblings are Jack, 9 and Chris, 7. Grandparents are Nancy and Lou Vanderlinde and Jack Seppla of Michigan; Harry Laas and Malle Kuningas of Estonia.

Brighton Avery Callaway, a daughter, was born Nov. 3 at Centegra Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry, to Bo and Lisa Callaway of Lake Villa. Her sister is Teaghan age 6. Grandparents are Chris and Terry Koscinski of McHenry and Lois Callaway of Junction City, Ore.

Arell Solis, a daughter, was born Nov. 23 at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan, to Israel Solis Jr. and Araceli Solis of Beach Park. Her sister is Anell, age 5. Grandparents are Israel and Norma Solis, Cesar and Manuela Gomez, all of Waukegan. Great grandparents are Marin and Lucila Villarreal of Waukegan.

Sierra Elizabeth Kutz, a daughter, was born Sept. 27 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Nicole Menard and Justin Kutz. Her sibling is Susan Menard, age 22 months. Grandparents are Susan Garrison and Derek Menard, both of Palatine and Jan and Bernice Kutz of Princeton, Wis.

Christian Ruben Taylor, a son, was born Sept. 30 at Lake Forest Hospital to Sean and Sheila Taylor. His brother is Payton, age 3. Grandparents are Karen and Tony Rodriguez of Grayslake and Sandy and Paul Taylor of Wildwood.

Joseph Irvin Gross, a son, was born Sept. 25 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Akono and Naomi Gross of Lake Villa. His siblings are Alexis, 9 and Aleyna 3. Grandparents are Jesse and Amy Lothamer of Okemos, Mich., Linda and David Pfeifer of Holt, Mich. Roger and Janice Gross of Lansing, Mich. Great grandparents are Johanna Weston of Kalamazoo, Mich., Helen Lothamer of Bellevue, Mich., Joseph Gross of North Carolina and Jane and Jim McIntyre of Casselbury, Fla.

Isalas Hernandez, a son, was born Sept. 23 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Miriam Chico and Erick Hernandez of Mundelein. Grandparents are Pedro Roberto Chico and Amanda Chico, of Mundelein and Jose Hernandez and Blanca Hernandez of Mundelein.

Dylan Ronald Mathis, a son, was born Sept. 24 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Ken and Audrey Mathis of Spring Grove. His siblings are Ashley, 8; Alissa, 8; and Joshua 5. Grandparents are Ron and Pat Ames of Mundelein and John and Francis Allen of Mundelein.

Justiss Ayla Donahue, a daughter, was born Sept. 26 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Julie Keating and Branden Donahue of Round Lake. Grandparents are Larry Keating of Ingleside, Tammy Vallengo (deceased), Debbie Donahue of Lake Villa and Tom Donahue of Round Lake. Great grandparents are Dorothy Keating (deceased); Joan and William Donahue of Round Lake; Andy Anderson and Trudy Anderson of Antioch.

CALENDAR

Friday, December 10

Dec. 10-Dec. 12, "Honk!" performed at the PM&L Theatre is a musical, updated version of "The Ugly Duckling." Last weekend. Call 847-395-3055 or go to www.pmltheatre.com to reserve tickets.

Saturday, December 11

8:30 a.m., Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group meets weekly at In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave., Gurnee. Call Chuck 847-362-5458.

Sunday, December 12

6:30 p.m., National Children's Memorial Day Candle Lighting Ceremony, held at Millburn Church. Call Compassionate Friends chapter leaders Marilyn Grace at 847-395-8597 or Maggie McGaughey at 847-838-0912 or visit www.iltcf.org

1 p.m., Antioch Community High School Madrigal Choir performs at Lake Villa Library, 1001 E. Grand Ave. Call 847-356-7711 or go to www.lvdil.org.

7-9 p.m., Open gym Sundays at Antioch Community High School, cost \$2, adults only.

4 p.m., "Festival of Overtures" by the Concert Band of the College of Lake Co. will perform at CLC's Grayslake Campus. Free, but tickets are required. Call 847-543-2300 for more information.

Monday, December 13

7:30 p.m., Christmas Concert by the Lakes Area Community Band, held at Lakes Community High School Auditorium, 1600 Eagle Way, Lake Villa. Free. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272 for details.

12:45 p.m., Bingo at Senior Center. 847-395-7120

9:30-11:30 a.m., Prairie Patch Quilting Guild at Shepherd of the Lakes, Grayslake. Call 847-223-5759.

7 p.m., Holiday Concert by the Gospel Choir of the College of Lake Co. Call 847-543-2194 for details.

Tuesday, December 14

Noon, Kiwanis Club meets at the Double Eagle Restaurant. Call Melissa at 847-489-8044.

7 p.m., Grass Lake School District 36 school board meeting. For location, call 847-395-1550.

6:45 p.m., Bingo at Antioch VFW, 847-395-5393

7-8 p.m., Weigh to Win program held Tuesdays at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd., west of Rt. 83 in Lake Villa. Call 847-356-6181 for details.

1 p.m., AARP Chapter 387 (for adults 55+) meets at the Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Please call Sharon Nowak at 847-395-5068 to learn more..

6 p.m., International Association of Administrative Professionals meets at Grayslake Library. Call Carol Zmijewski CPS at 847-578-8409 or visit www.iaap-illinois.org/greaterlakes/ or www.iaap-hq.org.

Wednesday, December 15

7 p.m., Village of Antioch Park Board meets third Wednesdays at the Municipal Bldg., 874 Main St. Call 395-1000 to confirm.

7 p.m., Burlington Genealogical Society meets at the Public Library, Pine & Jefferson Sts. Call Marion at 414-763-6981 or Marilyn at 414-728-2225.

7:30 p.m., The Republican Club meets at Antioch Twp. Hall, Call 847-395-1670 for more information.

4-6 p.m., Low-cost immunizations of all types offered by Lake County Health Department at Antioch VFW Post #4451, 75 North Ave. Call Health Dept. at 847-360-6761 to learn more.

6:30 p.m., TOPS weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Call 847-395-6443 or 847-395-8143 for info.

7-8:30 p.m., A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis offers free support groups for women who are victims of physical, emotional or psychological abuse. Meetings held Wednesdays in Round Lake area. Call 847-249-4450 to learn more.

7-9 p.m., The Shutterbugs photography club meets at Volo Bog. Workshops, guest speakers and competitions. Call 815-344-1294 for details.

Thursday, December 16

7:30 p.m., Compassionate Friends (grief support after the loss of a child) meets at Millburn Church, Grass Lake Rd. and Rt. 45. Call 847-395-8597 or 847-838-0912 or visit www.iltcf.org for info.

12-2 p.m., Advocates for FMS (Fibromyalgia) support group meets in the Community Building, 884 Main St. Call Kathy at 847-395-3716 for details.

7:30 p.m., Antioch Community High School Board.

Friday, December 17

7-9 p.m., Divorced or separated support group, free childcare, held Fridays at Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd., Lake Villa. Call 847-356-6181.

Saturday, December 18

7:30 p.m., Waukegan Concert Chorus at Lakes High School, Lake Villa. Call 847-265-5713 for details.

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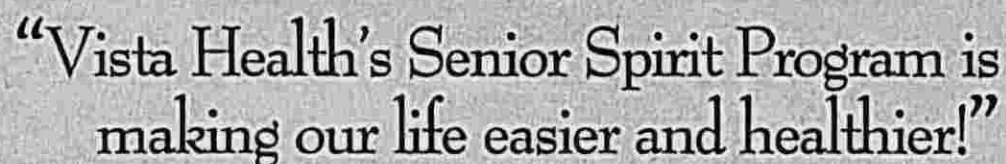
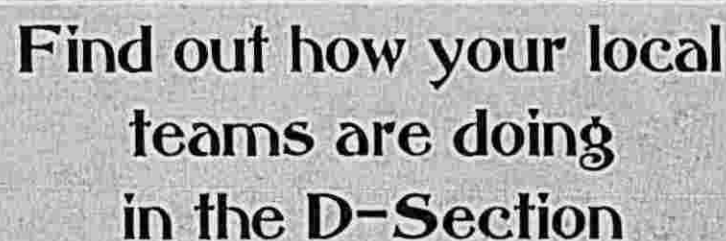
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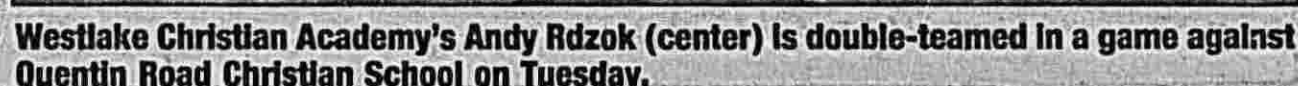


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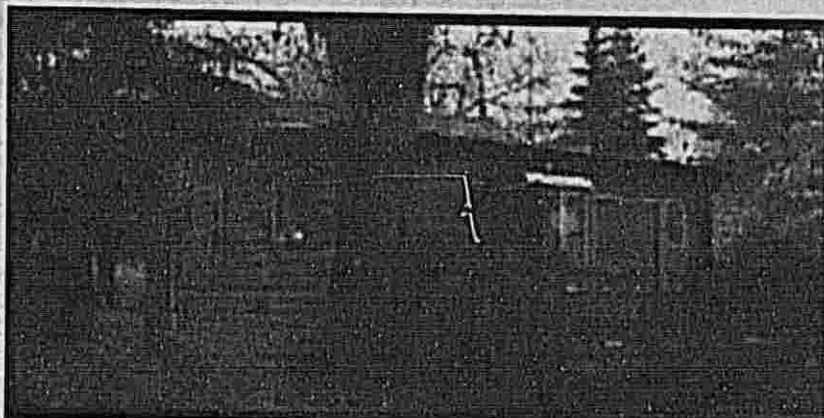
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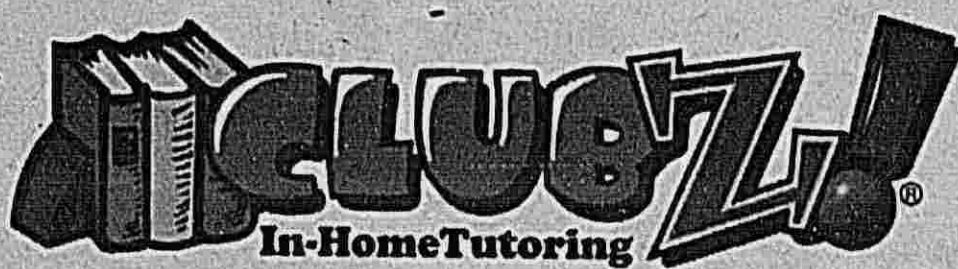
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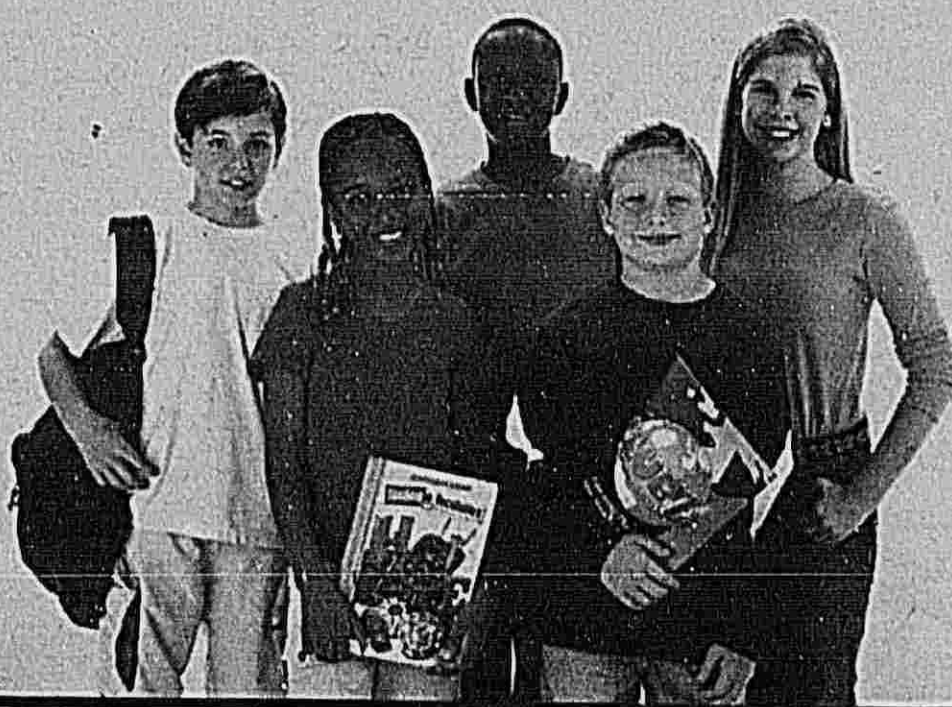


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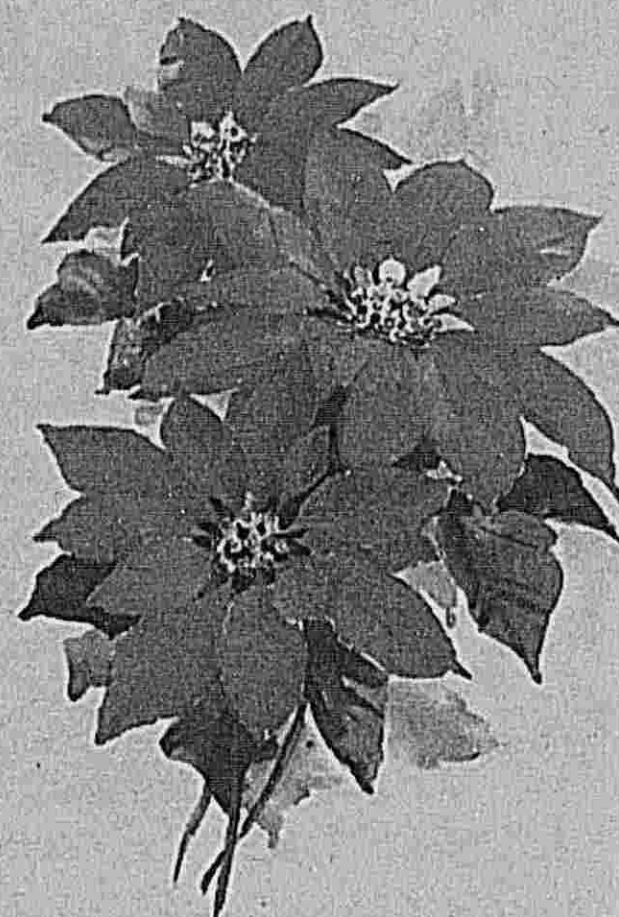


December 4th - 5:30-7:30 Lindenhurst Park District Community Holiday Tree Lighting

December 14th - 11:45am Women In Business Lunch, Kids Hope United, Lake Villa

December 24th - Christmas Eve - Office closed

December 31st - New Year's Eve - Office closed



January 11th - 11:45am Women In Business Lunch

January 18th - 7:30am Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting - Antioch Township Building

January 20th - 8:00-10:00am "Coffee's On Us" Mixer - Money Mailer & Lakeland Media at Cafe Barista, Rt. 83, Lake Villa

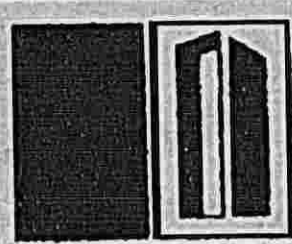
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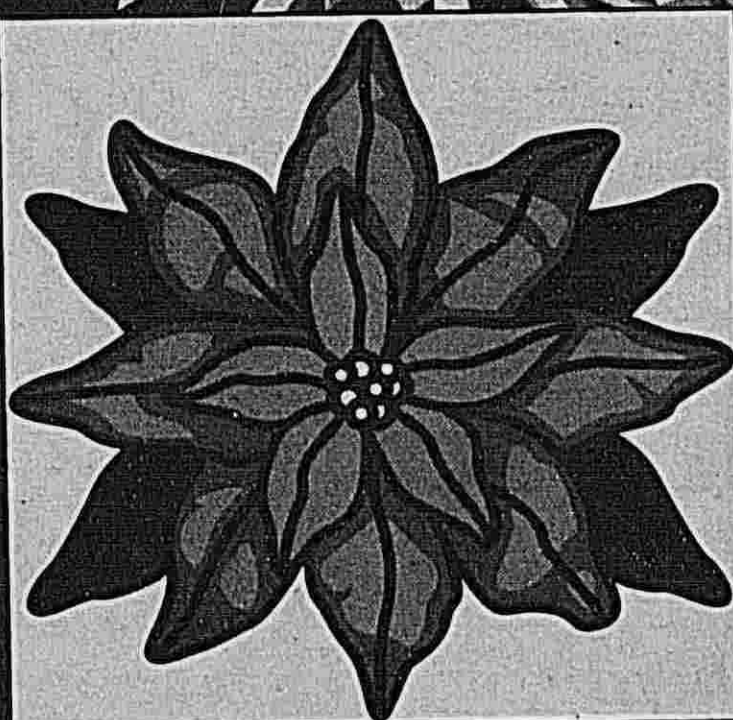
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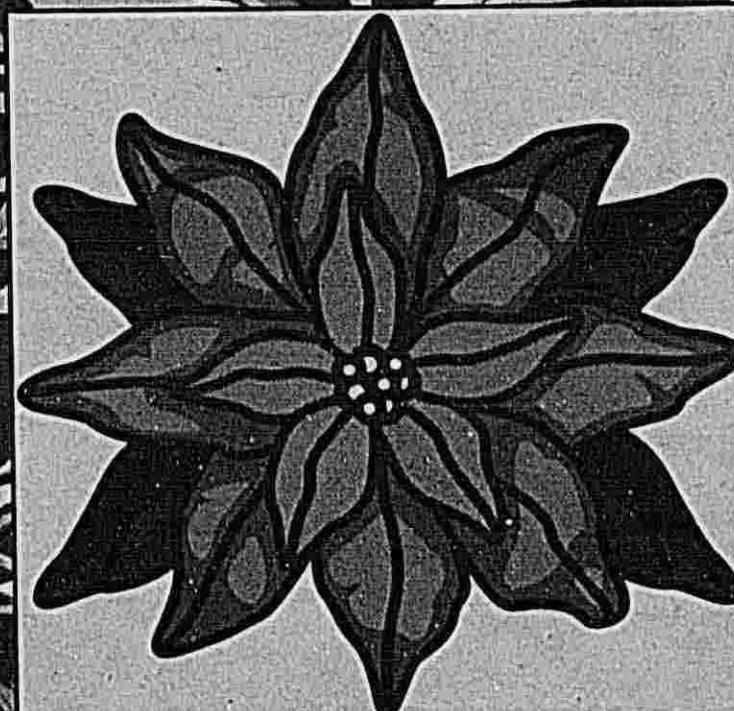
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COMBAT ZONE newest feature at Volo auto museum



The Volo Auto Museum's new military vehicle exhibit is now open to the public.

Visitors to Volo Auto Museum are enjoying something more than the Batmobile, Scooby Do's van or even the Dracula vehicle.

Response has been strong for the newly opened "Combat Zone", a collection of material in salute of the U.S. Armed Forces. Libertyville's VFW Post 8711 Color Guard members opened the exhibit with a flag raising ceremony.

"This is the bugle that the Viet Cong would use to communicate with each other. They would also take our tires and make sandals out of them," said Elliott Davis, of Tower Lakes, whose collection is on display.

Moore said very fine paintbrushes were used to help make the miniatures.

Davis's collection includes recruitment posters that the U.S. and South Vietnamese used. Davis pointed out that the U.S. and the

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South Vietnam armies were facing the Viet Cong, or guerilla fighters and the regular North Vietnamese army.

One can also see an armored personnel carrier from the era, weapons and movies.

Davis and his son, Tim, also have World War I material, including a German helmet.

Boyd Moore of Crystal Lake said he is proud of the miniatures that he has on display. He said the company he works with has some 20 different scenes and they will change from time to time. On display opening day was a miniature recreation of a battle at Normandy, France in World War II.

Visitors could learn the different ammunition used, including that used by the Soviets defending Stalingrad from the German invasion in World War II, and different American versions of a jeep to a German sidecar.



A.J. Ruiz, 10, and Roman Szubski, 10, check out some of the military relics on display at the Volo Auto Museum's new military vehicle exhibit.

Please see **COMBAT ZONE** / B6



Bill Butler, Jim Ackley, Elmer Hoskins and Len Piekarski of Libertyville VFW Post 8741 post colors during a dedication of the new military vehicle museum display at the Volo Auto Museum.

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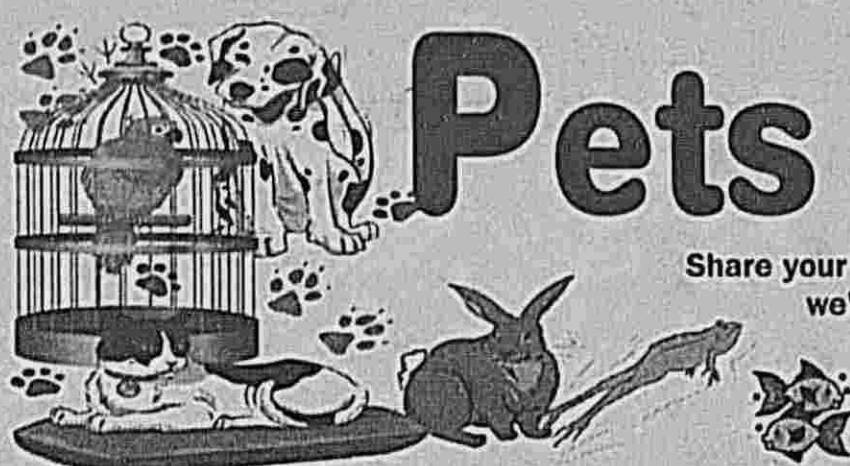
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PETS CORNER



Sunshine

Ray of light

Sunshine, an Amstaff bull terrier mix, is 4-years-old and looking for a home with ear scratches and playtime. This black and white spotted female loves to play fetch and enjoys swimming. She has big, adorable ears and a winning personality. Sunshine is also great with kids and house broken. This girl has been at Save-A-Pet since 2001 and would love to find a home where she can relax with someone willing to pet and love her.



Suzy



Tuffy

A beautiful pair

Suzy and Tuffy are both 12-year-old lap cats eager to find a new home. Their previous owner passed away and the two were brought to Save-A-Pet in mid-July. These guys need to find a home together because they love to be near each other. They are affectionate, easy-going, friendly and gentle. The pair is also great with kids and very well mannered. Suzy is a gray tiger cat with beautiful green eyes and Tuffy is a domestic long hair tabby.

Save-A-Pet is located at 31664 N. Fairfield Road, Grayslake. It's closed on Tuesday, open 1-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1-8 p.m. on Thursday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 847-740-7788 or go to www.save-a-pet-il.org.



Muddy paws

Blitzen is the newest edition to the Daly family. Bill Daly of Round Lake adopted Blitzen about two months ago from Save-A-Pet in Grayslake. He was a resident of the shelter for almost nine years. Blitzen joins Lucky and Buster, all of whom were adopted from Save-A-Pet. On this day Blitzen was playing with his other two companions at a muddy Lakewood Forest Preserve's Dog Exercise Area.

Gifts for pets, a great holiday idea



Laura Jastram

BARKIN' UP A TREE

Don't forget pets when shopping this holiday season. They enjoy a new toy or a special treat.

With more and more families taking in their animals as family members, it's not uncommon for Fido or Fluffy to be added on the holiday shopping list.

Jill Gizzio, founder of DogToys.com and CatToys.com, said not to overlook safety when picking out the perfect gift.

Gizzio said safety is especially important if the animal is being left alone to play with a toy.

Make sure toys are well-made with good materials.

"Cats love anything they can bat around or take with them to their nest," she said.

Some of these more popular toys are battery-operated ones. Toys that make noise or light up are favorites for feline playtime.

These toys are relatively new, she said. Most have debuted in the last two to three years.

Catnip is another consideration when purchasing a toy. Gizzio said most cats love this herb and that a number of toys come sprinkled with it.

If you're unsure of what you cat would like Gizzio has a section on CatToys.com to search for toys by the cat's personality.

Dog toys mostly depend on the breed, which can be searched on DogToys.com. Toys that the owner and pet can play with together make good gifts.

The more popular dog toys are soft one's with squeakers inside. Gizzio's Web site features these plush toys with frog, pig, cow, police sirens and train sounds among others.

She said another great toy is the "thing in the bag." This toy resembles a brown, paper bag and when activated it looks like something is moving around inside.

Gourmet dog treats are another pet favorite. Gizzio said meaty treats are more rewarding than the artificial chocolate and candy ones.

She has a friend who manufactures dog and cat treats from the fresh Alaskan salmon he catches. Both Web sites have variations of these different meaty treats.

If you're having a difficult time picking out a gift for a family member or friend consider if they have a pet. If they do, a gift for their companion might mean more to them this holiday season, Gizzio said.

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A knight in shining armor

He doesn't drive a Lincoln and he is not a knight in shining armor. But Lincoln Knight is running for village trustee in Wauconda.

Knight is my son's soccer coach and in my opinion is the best youth soccer coach in Lake County.

Knight, along with his assistant coach Frank Moskal, not only teach the kids how to play top-notch soccer, but the kids have a lot of fun at the same time.

Knight is the brains of the team while Moskal is the "Muscle" always pushing the kids, or putting them in headlocks and even tackling them to the ground.

But none of us parents ever complain. You see, Moskal is a big man, and we would rather he beat up on our kids instead of picking on us parents.

Besides, the kids like and respect Moskal and are not afraid to rough-house back at him.

Knight, on the other hand, is always calm and cool, which is probably why he does such a great job as president of the Wauconda Park District.

Knight is running on a ticket called the Wauconda First Party with Sal Saccomanno running for mayor, and two other trustee candidates, Cathy Scott and Mark Knigge.

I will be reading the *Wauconda Leader* faithfully for the next few months to see if I can learn more about these other three candidates.

I'm sure that reporter Steve Peterson will be covering the campaign closely. Peterson is the best reporter covering the Wauconda area in any weekly or daily newspaper and does a great job of covering politics.

Speaking of politics, it was nice to see that Lake County Board Chair Suzi Schmidt was re-elected to another two-year term, as well as Bonnie Thomson Carter who was re-elected as Forest Preserve Chair.

If Carter can succeed in cleaning up the Ft. Sheridan Golf Course boondoggle, she will prove she is a great leader.

And if Suzi, who has already proved that she is as good as a county board chair can get, can find a way to not have another sales tax traffic referendum, she will be my new hero.

You see, just like many of you, I am barely making my bills.

And my property taxes are going up every year. And now my school district is talking about referendums for things like a new middle school and a new high school auditorium.

And as much as I would like to help them out I just can't afford any more tax increases and that goes for the sales tax referendum.

And a lot of you must agree with me because we defeated it last time by 10,000 votes.

So please Suzi, be my knight in shining armor and find those transportation dollars elsewhere.

E-mail Jeff: jzachary@lakelandmedia.com



Jeff Zachary
FROM A TO ZACHARY



Ensemble Voltaire, made up of Thomas Gerber, harpsichord; Christopher Verrette, violin; Barbara Kallaur, flute; John Abberger, oboist; and Elizabeth Macdonald, viola de gamba, will be performing at Byron Colby Barn Jan. 9.

Baroque Era musical concert scheduled in January

Musicians to visit Byron Colby Barn

By Laura Jastram

Staff Reporter

The five members of Ensemble Voltaire, based in Indianapolis, are scheduled to appear at Byron Colby Barn in Grayslake on Sunday, Jan. 9 at 4 p.m.

The group is made up of Thomas Gerber, harpsichord; John Abberger, oboist; Elizabeth Macdonald, viola de gamba; Christopher Verrette, violin and Barbara Kallaur, flute.

Their performance is in conjunction with *Ars Antiqua* and centers around the musical battle between France and Italy.

Music during the Baroque Era of the 17th and 18th century was very ornate and rhythmically driven and concerned with expressing emotions, said Kallaur.

She said there was an intense battle between France and Italy in their styles of music.

France's music was more poetic while Italy's was based on theatre in a literary sense.

The performance features period music accompanied by readings from the era.

Kallaur said writers during this time peri-

od were more violent about why they had to say of each other.

Ensemble Voltaire has been together for 17 years, she said. The group changed their name from Ensemble Ouabache in order to make it more recognizable and easier to pronounce.

All of the performers are specialists in this type of music.

Kallaur, for example, plays a woodend flute from 1740. All of the instruments' construction allows the music to be less tense and thus softer.

It is more acoustic than electronic, she said. They started touring in 1990 and visit places nationally. Kallaur said they would like to tour more, but are "all kind of constrained by real life."

All concerts are on Sundays at 4 p.m. and cost \$15 per ticket. Children under 16 are free. As always at the Barn, you may bring your own alcohol.

To order tickets or for more information, call 847-543-1202.

The Byron Colby Barn is located at 1561 Jones Point Road in Grayslake.

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Special 'Beauty and the Beast' from SRACL

The Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County (SRACL) Showstoppers theatre group will be performing *Beauty and the Beast* on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Sullivan Community Center in Vernon Hills. This special group of actors and actresses are teens and adults with special needs and disabilities.

The Showstoppers program gives individuals with special needs the opportunity to display their abilities through acting. Heather Stark the director/producer and full time staff at SRACL states "I enjoy working on plays with our participants; they love to perform on stage in front of an audience." Although memorizing lines and

dances can be challenging for some of the cast, the staff and volunteers make it both a fun and rewarding experience for everyone.

SRACL recently received a grant from the Illinois Arts Council to help partially fund this program. The money received goes towards costumes, props and staffing. The general public is welcome to attend this special performance and the admission is free. Please call Heather Stark at 847-816-4866 for more information.

SRACL is a cooperative effort of local municipalities and park districts to provide recreation opportunities to individuals with disabilities.

Old Fuddy Duds

In my own small way, I think I've developed a style as distinctive as Jackie Kennedy's. Just as our former first lady lives on as a fashion icon, my children will be sure to remember what I wore.

Unfortunately, my daughter hasn't matured enough to appreciate my fashion sense, so she's my wardrobe consultant whenever we make an appearance together. Case in point, last week she "cleaned me up" for a school conference with her stylish teacher, Mrs. Curran.

But to me, nothing says "classic casual" like worn galoshes, Dad's sweat pants, and a flannel shirt bought with my "Value Plus" card at the Mundelein Goodwill. This versatile ensemble travels easily from a morning of scavenging garden rocks, to an afternoon of unplugging the downstairs toilet, on into an enchanted evening of setting mouse-traps in our basement crawl space.

And, like Jackie, I'm not just making a personal fashion statement. I'm an important reflection of my family heritage, and, yes, even a style beacon for future generations.

(Having said this, my mother and daughter insist on the following disclaimer: "We, the well groomed, refute any claims of genetic predisposition to this writer's clothing choices!")

Nevertheless, I see my family's influence every time my kids go out the door in their supposedly trendy togs. In fact, they could be runway models for my "Fuddy Duds" fashion show, accompanied by that retro tune, "We Are Family"...

"Welcome to another glamorous season of designs dredged up from dead relatives and overdone family stories!" "WEEE ARE FAMILYYY!"

A teenage male minus hindquarters skulks down the runway while tripping over torn, baggy jeans draped precariously on hips, then knees. Model turns deftly to moon onlookers with his red, plaid boxers.

"Allen is wearing a look we call, 'Say Uncle!' in honor of memorable Uncle Red. Next, a shapeless girl dressed as a rapper struts down the runway, timing her funky gestures to the beat of "I GOT AAALL MY SISTERS WITH MEEEE!"

"Our rapper's natty ski cap, Detroit Tigers jersey, and high top gym shoes are a stylish reflection of dear, departed Aunt Pearl, who showed up at every family funeral in this outfit and announced, 'I'll outlive ya'all!'"

Finally, a slouching female with belly exposed by undersized hip hugger jeans and t-shirt comes out to mug for fashion photographers.

"And, last but not least, here's to that unforgettable product of the Depression, Gramma Dorothy, who never could part with a piece of clothing—talk about tight!" "THIS IS OUR FAMILYYY JEWEL!"

Case closed...Except for my turn on the catwalk.



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Flavors

Santa Fe restaurant's involving recipe for strip steak worth the extra steps



Tom Witom

COOKING BY THE BOOK

While vacationing some years ago in Santa Fe, the upscale Geronimo provided a memorable fine-dining experience. Now restaurateur Cliff Skoglund and chef Eric DiStefano have teamed up to produce "Geronimo" (Ten Speed Press, 2004), which showcases their culinary artistry. Many of the recipes are for advanced cooks, but dedicated aspiring home gourmets will find plenty of inspiration from this handsome volume. This recipe, for mushroom-crusted strip steak with green peppercorn sauce, was slightly adapted. It originally called for veal marrow harvested from 3 pounds of veal marrow bones, from which a veal stock is made. We omitted the marrow and used canned beef stock, and the end results were still highly satisfactory. (Serves 4)

Mushroom-Crusted Strip Steak with Green Peppercorn Sauce and Fondant Potatoes

Green peppercorn sauce

1 Tbl. canola oil
1/2 cup diced yellow onion
1/4 cup peeled diced carrot
1/4 cup diced leek
3 cloves garlic, bruised
1 Tbl. tomato paste
1 tsp. chopped fresh rosemary
1/2 cup mushroom scraps or stems, cleaned well
1 shallot, sliced
2 cups big red wine such as Cabernet or Burgundy

8 cups veal (we used beef) stock
2 Tbl. green peppercorns, rinsed well

Fondant potatoes

8 medium russet potatoes, about 3 lbs.
1/4 cup canola oil
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
3 cups beef (or veal) stock

Mushroom crust

Canola oil
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 lb. cremini mushrooms
2 Tbl. unsalted butter
2 Tbl. minced shallot
1 tsp. balsamic vinegar
1 cup dry white wine

8 cups water

3 Tbl. kosher salt
2 heads baby bok choy

4 trimmed, well-marbled strip steaks, 12 oz. each
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Canola oil, for rubbing on steaks
1 Tbl. light olive oil

To prepare the sauce, place a large saucepan over medium heat, add the canola oil and saute the onions, carrots, leeks and garlic for about 10 minutes, until they become a deep golden brown. Add the tomato paste and stir gently, coating all the vegetables. Cook for about 2 minutes, or until the tomato paste begins to brown slightly. Add the rosemary, mushroom scraps, shallot, bay leaves and red wine. Cook for about 10 minutes, or until the wine is reduced by half. Add the veal stock, decrease the heat to medium-low and simmer the sauce for about 20 minutes, or until reduced down to about half its original volume. Strain the sauce into a large, clean saucepan.

Place the saucepan over medium heat for about 10 more minutes and reduce the sauce by half, or until it begins to thicken just slightly. The sauce should have a syrupy but not thick consistency. Strain through a fine cheesecloth into a bowl. Stir in the green peppercorns. Keep warm.

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.

Prepare the mushroom crust: Place the mushrooms in a food processor and process until finely ground. Place a saute pan over medium heat and add the butter. When it begins to brown, add the ground mushrooms, shallots, vinegar and white wine. Cook for about 10 minutes, until no liquid is visible in the pan. Add the marrow and mix until completely combined. Remove from the heat and let cool.

Prepare the fondant potatoes: Cut the potatoes in half lengthwise and peel. Keep them immersed in water as you work, to prevent browning.

Place a roasting pan in the oven for 5 minutes. Drain the potatoes well and pat dry with a paper towel. Remove the roasting pan from the oven and, taking care that the oil does not splutter, very slowly pour in the canola oil and add the potatoes. Season the potatoes with the salt and pepper, return the pan to the oven and roast

them in the oil for 10 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from the oven, add 1 cup of the veal stock and return to the oven for 25 minutes or until the potatoes are easily pierced with a knife.

While the potatoes are roasting, blanch the bok choy. Pour the water into a saucepan and add the salt. Bring to a boil over high heat. Fill a bowl with ice water. Blanch the bok choy in the boiling water for about 2 minutes, using a slotted spoon or strainer, transfer the bok choy to the ice water bath. Shock for about 1 minute, or until thoroughly chilled. Transfer to a colander and drain. Transfer to a work surface and split each head of bok choy in half lengthwise.

Place a small saucepan over medium heat, add the remaining 2 cups of beef stock and cook until the liquid is reduced to 1/4 cup and is quite thick. Remove from the heat. After removing the potatoes from the oven, use a slotted spoon to transfer them to a plate. Brush the potatoes with the thick stock and cover with plastic wrap. Set the oven to 400 degrees F.

To prepare the steaks: Heat a cast iron skillet over high heat. Season the steaks on all sides with salt and pepper, and rub with a small amount of canola oil. Sear the meat in the pan, turning once, for about 2 minutes per side. Place the steaks on a wire rack, with a pan underneath to catch the juices. Spread the mushroom mixture on top of the steaks. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until the crust browns and the steaks reach medium rare, or the desired doneness. Place a saute pan over medium-high heat and add the olive oil. Add the bok choy and quickly saute for 2 minutes, until heated through but still crunchy. Season with salt.

To assemble the dish, place 4 potatoes on each plate. Lay a half head of bok choy on the potatoes, and set the steak atop. Ladle the sauce over all and serve immediately.

Micro-Minute

"No more ho-hum carrots on our dinner plates! Uh-uh! These are so sweet and tangy, even the kids will love 'em!"

Caramelized Baby Carrots

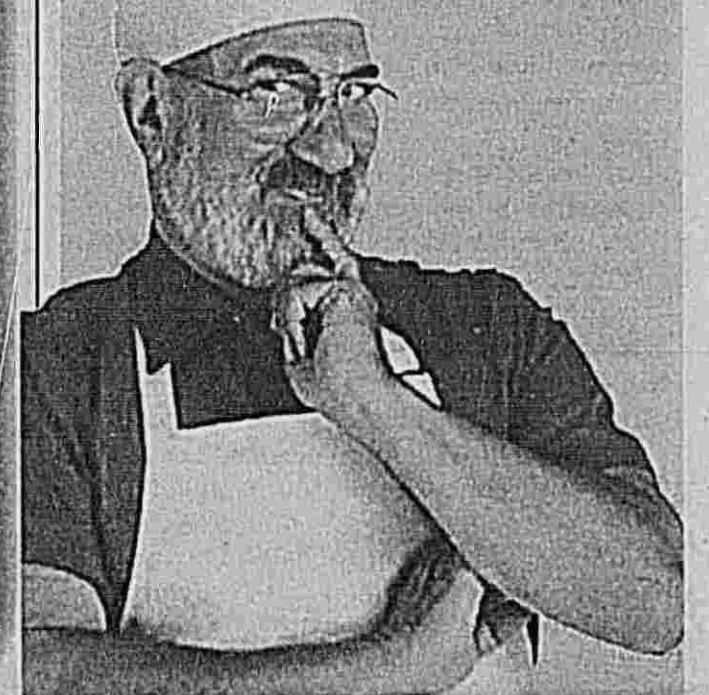
4-6 servings

1 pound baby carrots
2 tablespoons water
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons white vinegar
1/4 teaspoon cornstarch

1. In a medium-sized microwave-safe bowl, combine the carrots and water; cover and microwave at 90% power for 5 to 6 minutes, or until crisp-tender. Uncover and drain.

2. In another medium-sized microwave-safe bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Microwave at 80% power for 1 to 1-1/2 minutes, or until the mixture is melted and thickened.

3. Pour the glaze over the carrots, mix until well coated, and serve.



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'The Cracked Nut' opens with new characters and a twist

TJ & Company Dance Theatre is proud to present the ninth annual production of "The Cracked Nut," Dec. 17-19 at the College of Lake County in Grayslake. "The Cracked Nut" is a unique interpretation of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," this year premiering with new characters and a unique storyline. As artistic director Terri Jo Garner Englund jokes, "We've taken a new twist on an already twisted plot."

"The Cracked Nut" is created and performed by professional dancers from in and around Chicago, young apprentice and junior company dancers, and members of the community. In the second act the main characters travel throughout the galaxy, visiting different planets along the way. Renowned choreographer Jeff Hancock is choreographing "Venus," which will be performed by professional dancers Jessica Emery and James Morrow. Other Chicago area dancers and choreographers include Kristy White, Kristina Pospeshil, Jessica Emery, Jennifer Shore, Tony Landa, Nikki White and artistic director Englund.

The performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Dec. 17, 1 and 5 p.m. on Dec. 18, and 2 p.m. on Dec. 19. It will take place at the Mainstage Theater in the Performing Arts Building at the College of Lake County, 19351 W. Washington St. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors, and \$10 for children under five. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more and early ticket purchasers. Tickets and further information are available by calling 847-583-8724. Ticket order forms may be downloaded on www.tjco.org and tickets may be purchased at the door.

Winning fare at the Marriot



Joanna McKenzie Miller and Michael Gerhart share the leads in Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire.

CRITIC'S CHOICE By TOM WITOM

The "Beauty and the Beast" story goes back to the 1700s. Jeanne-Marie Le Prince de Beaumont updated the classic tale, "La Belle et La Bête," and in 1946 Jean Cocteau turned it into a film.

The Disney folks animated the story, and now their interpretation of "Beauty and the Beast" for the stage, with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice and based on a book by Linda Woolverton, puts a distinctive mark on the timeless fairy tale.

Purists may frown at the liberties taken, but this love story, as presented in-the-round at the Marriott Theatre, still exudes charm, wit and a touch of poignancy. Marc Robin, as director and choreographer, has an enchanting, first-class production on

his hands.

The familiar story involves a handsome prince who was transformed into a beast for his rashness at judging a caller solely by her outward appearances. And beast he will remain until he loves and is loved—something that must occur before all the petals fall from a magic rose. The beautiful Belle is an ideal candidate to bill the bill, but her relationship with the beast is strained at the outset; the captive he holds in his castle is none other than Belle's father, Maurice (the lovable kook, James Harms), an eccentric inventor who has accidentally stumbled onto the beast's domain.

Michael Gerhart plays the befuddled, bewitched prince who is struggling to get free of the horned and hairy mane that has taken over his appearance. Though he appears menacing at times, he really draws a laugh early in Act II when he's trying to impress Belle

On Stage

with his library but gets preoccupied and briefly chases his tail.

Kind-hearted, book-loving Joanna McKenzie Miller charms as Belle, something of an odd duck in her small village; she spurns the town's most sought-after bachelor (Michael Minarik, in an over-the-top performance as the narcissistic Gaston).

The two leads shine in such numbers as "No Matter What," "If I Can't Love Her" and "A Change in Me." And the cast livens things up with the showstopper dinner number, "Be Our Guest."

To win her aged father's release, Belle offers herself as a substitute prisoner. In the castle she encounters some sympathetic, if strange, inhabitants: former residents in the process of being turned into inanimate objects by the spell that hangs over the prince-turned-beast. Good work by the French-accented candlestick Lumiere (Bernie Yvon), the talking clock Cogsworth (David Lively), the diva-turned-wardrobe, Madam de la Grand Bœmche (Marilyn Bogetich), Babette the saucy maid and animated dustcloth (Abby Mueller) and the grandmotherly teapot, Mrs. Potts (Mary Emster).

Matt Rafferty deserves mention for his athleticism as Le Fou, Gaston's flunky.

With its clever costumes and lively music, this "Beauty and the Beast" is a feast for the eyes and ears that will delight audiences young and old.



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FROM PAGE B1

COMBAT ZONE

"It will be interesting. There is so much stuff," said John Maurath of Volo.

"This will double the customer base. There is a big cross over from cars and the military," Volo Auto Museum spokesman Joe Lopez said. "We have been happy with the response. We want to show the next generations," he said.

Elmer Hoskins of Libertyville lent his Army uniform to be displayed.

"I joined in 1946 and served for 22 years, in Vietnam and Korea. The biggest change in Vietnam was the use of helicopters," he said. "My uncle Charlie was in World War I, serving for five years, before the U.S. got into the war when Colonel McCormick of the Tribune organized a small unit of volunteers and he later worked for the Lake County Sheriff's Department as a bailiff. My grandfather said that he was too young for the Spanish-

American War, but too old for World War I. My two older brothers also served.

Several items are on loan from Lake County Discovery Museum in nearby Wauconda. These include letters from Civil War soldiers and ammunition.

The Volo Auto Museum is open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission price is \$7, \$5 for seniors, veterans with Veterans Universal Access ID and active personnel with military ID; \$3 for children age 6-12 and free for children under six and military personnel in uniform. Special group rates are available.

The Web site is www.volocars.com.

While not at the "Combat Zone", visitors may check out the 300 collector cars for sale and the Midwest's largest collection of TV and movie cars, including George Barris "Batmobile" and others.

CLC band and choir perform

Treat yourself to a free winter concert of great instrumental music at the College of Lake County. The Concert Band will perform on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. The concert will take place at the Mainstage Theatre in the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts on CLC's Grayslake Campus.

The 35-member Concert Band, directed by Paul Hefner, will present a "Festival of Overtures," consisting of several popular standards from works such as the "Nutcracker Suite" and Handel's "Messiah." The band's holiday selections will include the ever-popular "Sleigh Ride."

Flutist Ellen Allshire, Antioch, will be the featured soloist for "Carnival of Venice" and "Sleigh Ride." She is a recording artist, professional musician and teacher who regularly performs in the Chicago area.

The performance is free, but tickets are required. For tickets, call 847-543-2300 or stop

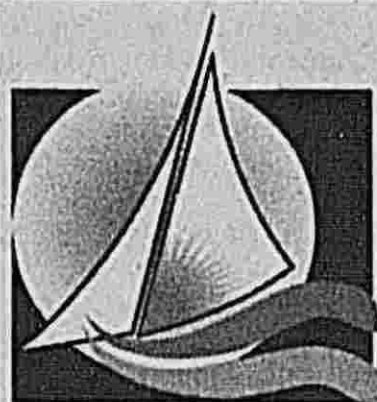
by the CLC Box Office, located in the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts on CLC's Grayslake Campus. For more information, call the Box Office, 847-543-2300. The Box Office opens 90 minutes before each performance begins.

CLC Gospel Choir

The CLC Gospel Choir will present a holiday gift of music to Lake County at its annual Holiday Concert on Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. The free concert will be held in the C005 Auditorium on the Grayslake campus.

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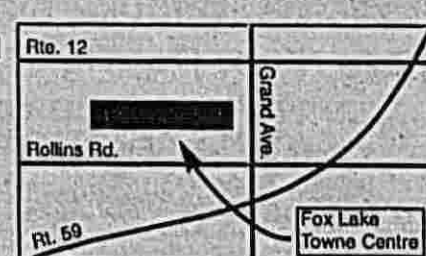
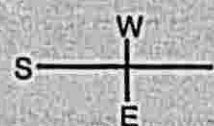
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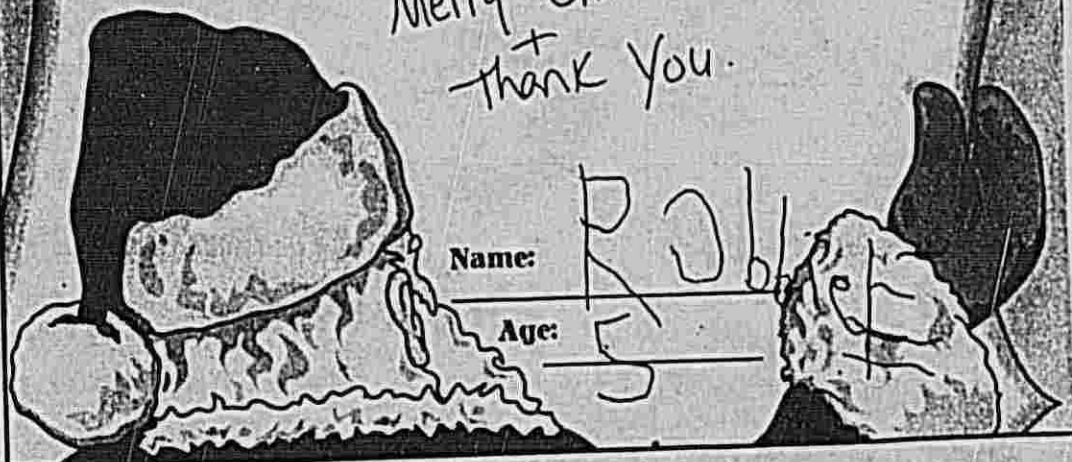
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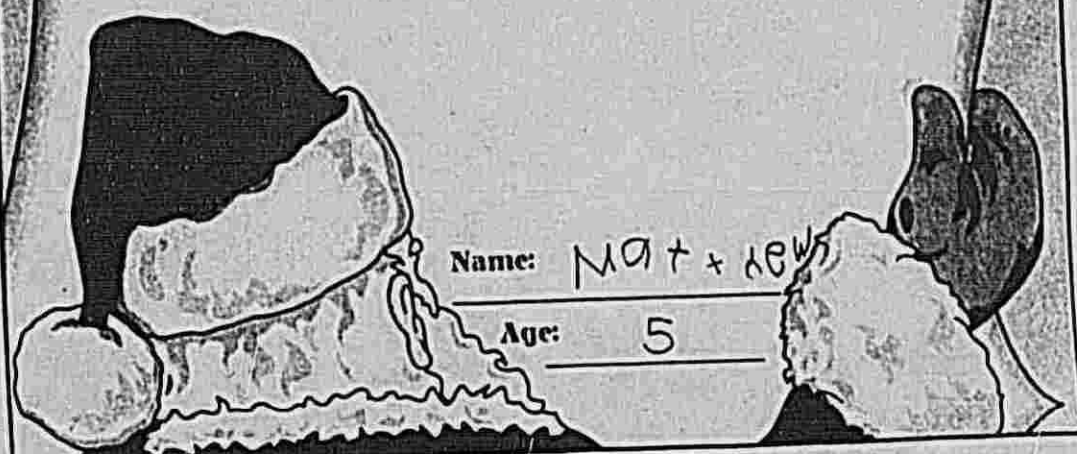
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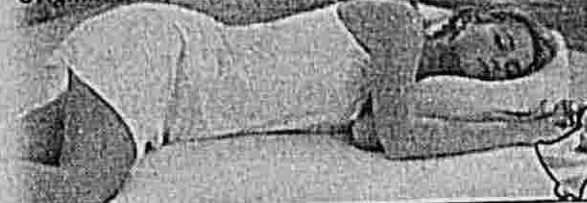
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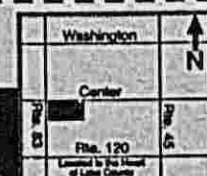
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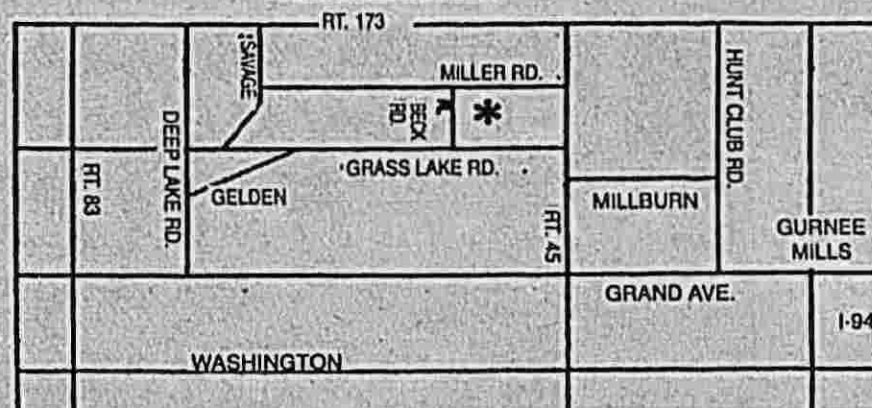
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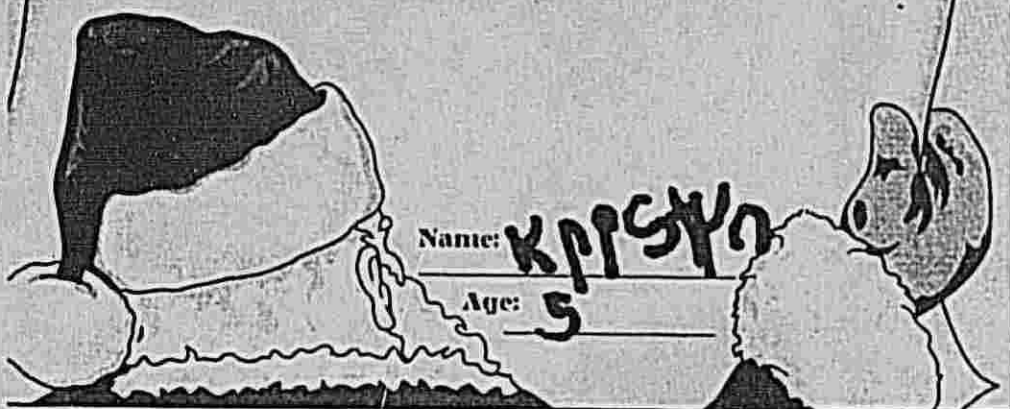
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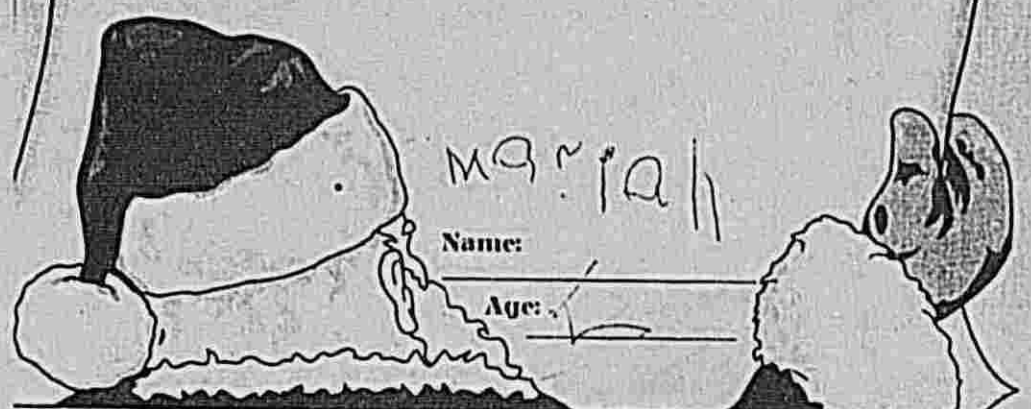
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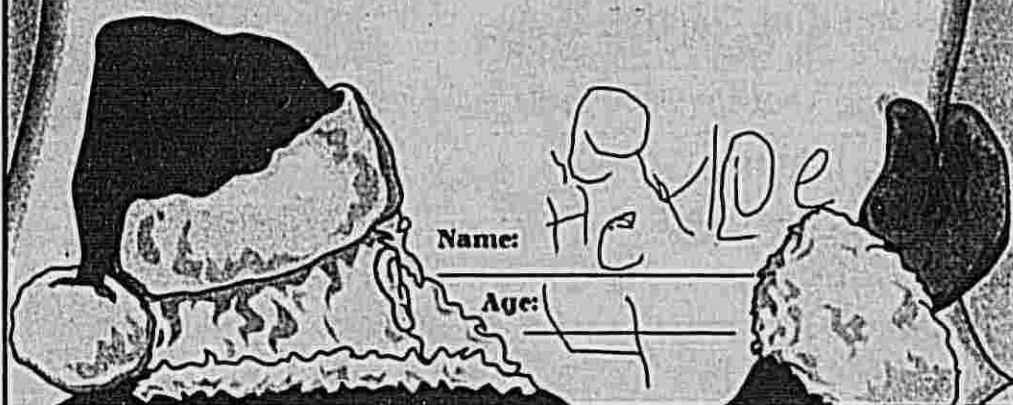
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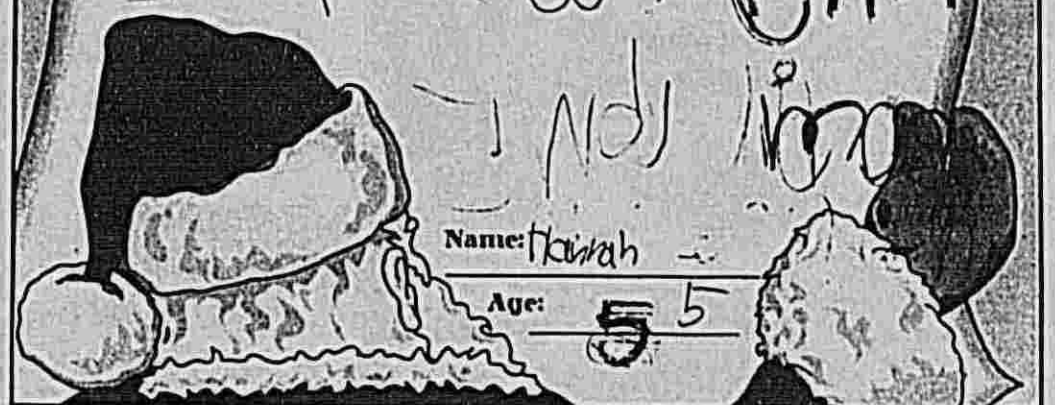
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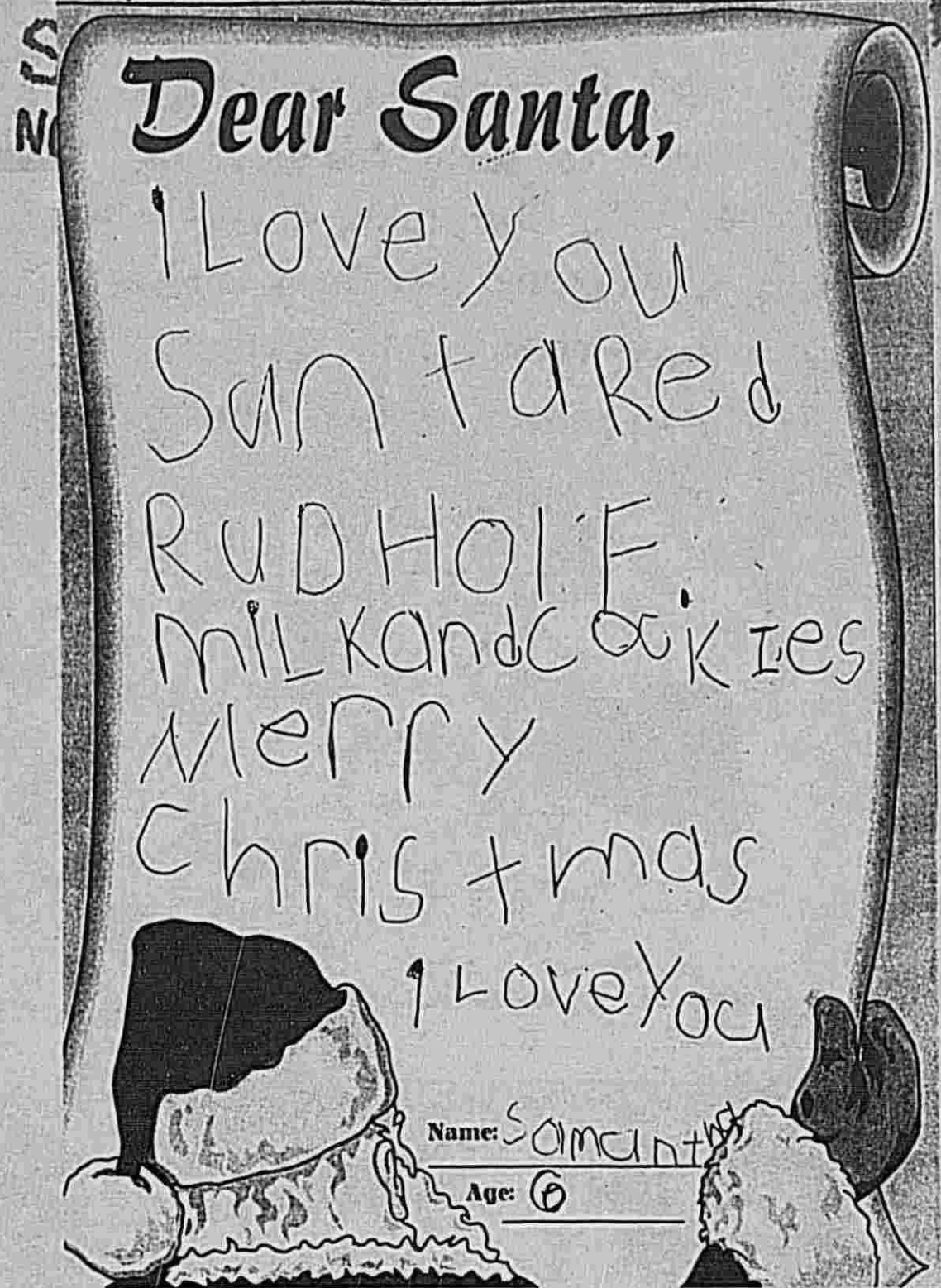
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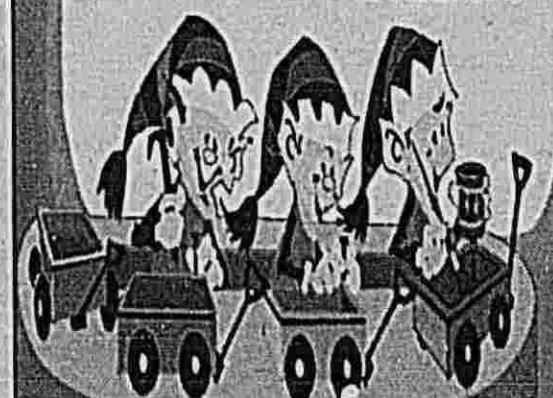
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Dancer North celebrates 16 years of 'Nutcracker' magic

Dancer North continues its holiday tradition this year as it presents its 16th annual highly-acclaimed production of "The Magic of the Nutcracker," the longest-running Nutcracker production in Lake County.



The ballet has grown into a beloved holiday event in the northern Illinois area, with approximately 5,000 people attending the six performances held at Libertyville High School's Butler Auditorium each year. According to many, the Dancer North production rivals those that can be seen in Chicago—only it's much closer to home.

"Many people who see our production for the first time comment about the high quality of the dancers—not only the professionals who we are so lucky to have, but also the students," said Dancer North director and choreographer Cheri Lindell. "We're proud to bring to Libertyville the kind of talent that graces stages around the world."

Lindell said that she's particularly proud of the fact that this year, for the first time, the Grand Pas de Deux, the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier, which is the culmination of the ballet—will be danced by two long-time Dancer North students.

"We've had both professionals and students dance as the Sugar Plum Fairy in the past, but the Cavalier has always been danced by a professional," said Lindell. "I'm very excited that this year we have two students, who have trained here, that are accomplished enough to dance these very important roles together."

Allison Hudson, a 15-year-old sophomore at Libertyville High School, has been chosen to dance the role of "The Sugar Plum Fairy" for the second time. Hudson, of Libertyville, has been in the production for eight years and has been studying ballet at Dancer North since

she was three years old. She has also trained on full scholarship at the School of American Ballet in New York City for the past three summers.

James Kopecky, a

17-year-old Carmel High School junior, will dance the role of "The Cavalier." Kopecky, of Lake Villa, began dancing at the age of three and this is his ninth year in "The Magic of the Nutcracker." Kopecky also is an accomplished tap dancer and is a member of the Dancer North performing group that won the Chicago Tap Off.

He also dances with the professional group, Especially Tap Chicago.

Christina Bushala, a 14-year-old Warren High School freshman, will be dancing the role of "Clara." Bushala, of Grayslake, has been studying dance for 11 years and this will be her seventh season with the Dancer North production. In addition to her studies at Dancer North, Bushala has also studied at the Chicago National Association of Dance Masters, for which she earned a full scholarship.

Garrett Glassman, a 15-year-old freshman at Warren High School, will dance the role of the "Nutcracker Prince." Glassman, of Gurnee, has been dancing for four years and this will be his second season with "The Magic

of the Nutcracker." This summer, Glassman attended the American Ballet Theatre summer program on full scholarship.

The role of the "American Beauty Rose" will be shared by Annelise Freyman of Libertyville and Emily Malkowski of Mundelein.

Freyman, a 17-year-old Libertyville High School junior, has been dancing at Dancer North for 12 years and this is her ninth year in the production. She also is an accomplished tap dancer and has won several tap competition awards. Last summer, she supplemented her ballet training with class at the Joffrey Studios in Chicago.

Malkowski, an 18-year-old Vernon Hills High School senior, is dancing in the production for the eighth time. She has previously danced as "Clara" and "The Sugar Plum Fairy." In addition to her studies at Dancer North, Malkowski has also trained at the City Ballet of San Diego summer workshop and on scholarship at the Orlando Ballet summer workshop.

Mona Zhang, a 15-year-old Lake Forest Academy sophomore, will dance the role of "Snow Queen."

Zhang, of Lake Forest, has been studying dance for nine years and this will be her sixth season with "The Magic of the Nutcracker." She has also taken a summer course at the International Ballet School in conjunction with the International

Ballet Competition, and last summer studied at the ABT summer program in Houston.

Dancing as "Fairy of the Sweets" is 16-year-old Kara Moore of Libertyville. Moore, a junior at Libertyville High School, has been dancing at Dancer North for 11 years. This is Moore's eighth season with "The Magic of

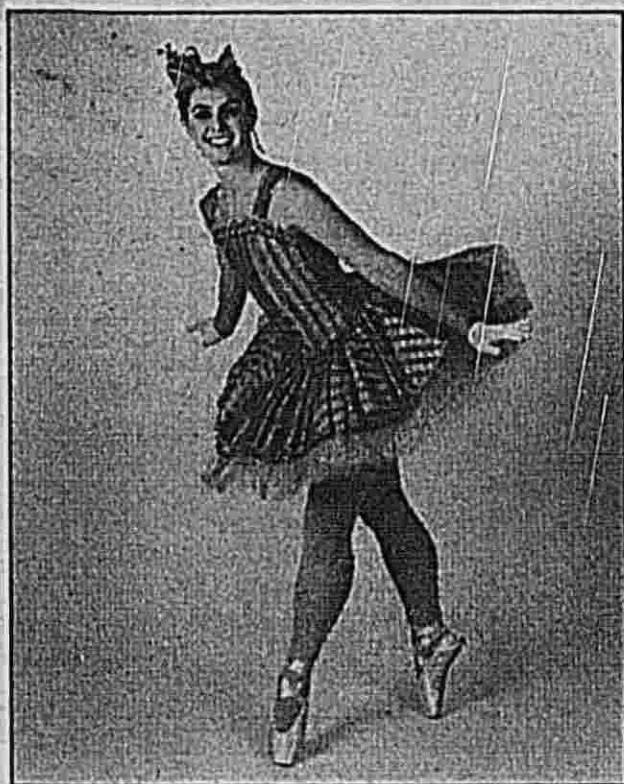


Above, Garrett Glassman as "The Nutcracker Prince" and Christina Bushala as "Clara." Below center, Mona Zhang as "The Snow Queen."

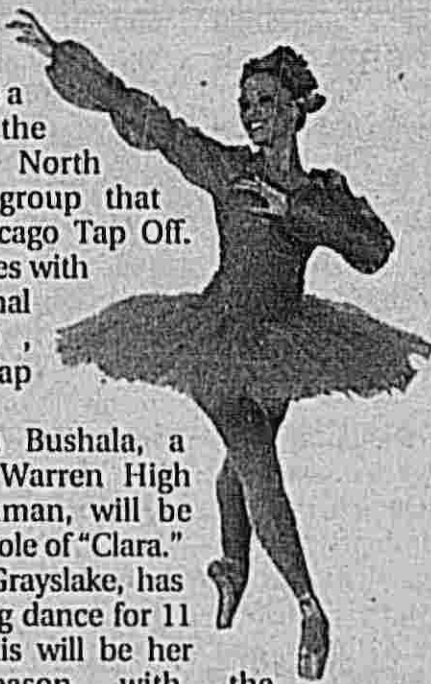


the Nutcracker" and this is her first featured role.

"The Magic of the Nutcracker" will be presented on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and prices range from \$12 to \$26 with discounts available for groups. Call Dancer North at 847-367-7970 for more information, or to purchase tickets.



Top, Annelise Freyman and, right, Emily Malkowski alternate as "The American Beauty Rose." Above, Kara Moore as "The Fairy of the Sweets."



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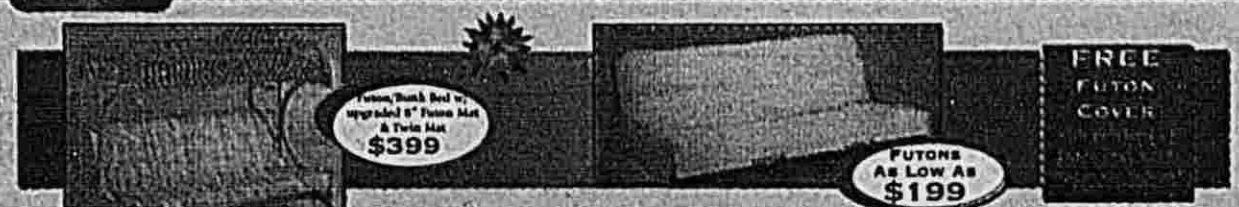
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The big wink



George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Bernie Mac reprise their roles in the sequel "Ocean's Twelve."

All of the stars you liked in "Ocean's Eleven" are back in "Ocean's Twelve." Las Vegas casino owner Terry (Andy Garcia) tracks down the elusive thieves that ripped him off three years ago. His demeanor sets the stylish and smart tone of the film, with his mobster strut and bodyguards who seem to have evolved from the Blues Brothers. Danny Ocean's (Clooney) 11, a rakish ensemble, soon assemble in one room and agree that since Terry knows their whereabouts and will kill them unless he gets all of his money back, with interest, in two weeks, they better pay up. They're about \$20 million short and since they're thieves, the fastest way they know to raise the cash is to steal it. They're so high profile in the US that they decide to pull off capers in three European cities.

With the clock ticking, we follow the crew as they plan to raise the money. We know Bernie Mac is funny and in "Ocean's Twelve" so is Don Cheadle. A true and surprising standout with comedic timing and perfect facial and body movements

is Matt Damon.

George's Take: I was looking for something cool, edgy and set in an exciting locale, sort of like "The Good Thief" (Nick Nolte). There was no edge for me.

Pam's Take: The richness of this film is wonderful. Julia Roberts, as Tess, impersonates a pregnant Julia Roberts to serve as a diversion while the gang pulls off a heist. A master thief's acrobatic choreography while crossing of a security laser field is a take off of Catherine Zeta-Jones in "Entrapment." The romantic relationships between Pitt/Zeta-Jones and Clooney/Roberts were truly delightful to watch. Take my word for it, this is a fun film for adults who sometimes have a PG-13 view of the world.



Pam



George

Ocean's Twelve

Review by
Pam & George O. Singleton
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George Clooney
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Six months prior Dracula, now the urban gear Drake, is unearthed in Iraq because he's either the axis of evil, or it's the devil's birthplace. Whichever, it makes a political statement. Danica Talos (Parker Posey), who digs him up, is a vampire that is scarier than Dracula. Whistler's daughter Abigail (Jessica Biel) and her sidekick Hannibal (Ryan Reynolds) double team with Blade to make his escape and save the world.

Blade shares the action with Abigail and Hannibal in dueling it out with Drake and Danica. Posey is well known for her independent art house films and to see her in such a funky role is enjoyably unbelievable. Lovers of the vampire film genre will probably like "Blade:

Trinity" better than we did. But the dynamics of the characters make the off beat plot and action fit like a mummy in a crypt.

George's Take: Trying to explain the plot in anymore detail would be pointless. If you liked the prior Blade movies, chances are you'll enjoy this as well. Though I fully expected it to be an action packed wasteland, balance was what made the film work for me.

Pam's Take: We saw three films on the day we screened this one. Its showing fell between the other two and my first reaction was to groan. Fortunately, it worked as a diversion and I was able to keep an open mind and am able to say I enjoyed the film...for what it is. The pervasive violence did not bother me (because you know going into it that a vampire movie is about violence), but after a bit I did tire of hearing the "I" word. It was more of a broken record than a legitimate part of the dialogue.

The dialogue was often humorous and the fun in vampire movies is often that the logic is so convoluted that you can't help but get lost in the magic of the Hollywood twists. Remember "Van Helsing?" Vampire lovers enjoy!



Blade: Trinity

Review by
Pam & George O. Singleton
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OCEAN'S TWELVE (PG-13)

12:20 4:10 7:00 (9:35)

BLADE: TRINITY (R)

12:35 2:55 5:15 7:35 (9:55)

CHRISTMAS W. KRANKS (PG)

Fri 12:30 2:45 5:00 7:15 9:30

Sat 12:30 2:45 5:00 9:30

Sun-Thu 12:30 2:45 5:00 7:15

12:30 4:00 7:30

ALEXANDER (R)

12:30 4:00 7:30

SPONGEBOB MOVIE (PG)

1:10 3:10 5:10 7:10 (9:10)

BRIDGET JONES 2 (M)

12:20 2:45 5:10 7:35 (10:05)

NATIONAL TREASURE (PG)

1:00 4:00 6:30 (9:40)

POLAR EXPRESS (G)

12:15 2:25 4:35 6:45 (9:00)

THE INCREDIBLES (PG)

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Ocean's Twelve (PG13) ✓ X 12:30, 3:15, 6:00, 8:45

Ocean's Twelve (PG13) ✓ X 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

Saw (R) 9:15

Blade Trinity (R) ✓ 11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00

Blade Trinity (R) ✓ 12:25, 3:00, 5:35, 8:10

Blade Trinity (R) ✓ 1:10, 3:45, 6:20, 9:00

Closer (R) ✓ X 11:40, 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Closer (R) ✓ X 6:00, 8:30

I Am David (R) ✓ 11:50, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30

Christmas With Kranks (PG) 11:35, 1:45, 3:55

Christmas With Kranks (PG) 12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15

Alexander (R) 1:30, 5:05, 8:40

Finding Neverland (PG) 11:35, 1:45, 4:00, 7:00, 9:10

Sideways (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:20, 9:55

National Treasure (PG) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00

National Treasure (PG) 1:00, 3:45, 6:50, 9:35

Spongebob (PG) 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:10

Bridget Jones 2 (R) 7:15, 9:45

After the Sunset (PG13) 11:50, 2:05, 4:25, 7:05, 9:20

Polar Express (G) 11:40, 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00

Incridibles (PG) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05

Incridibles (PG) 12:40, 3:20

The Grudge (PG13) Fr, Su - Th 7:15, 9:30

National Treasure (PG)

Open Captioned Fr 8:15, Sa 11:45, Su 8:00

SpanGLISH (PG13) ✓ X Advanced Showing Sa 7:05

To Do:

Cultural

Sing-along Messiah

The North Suburban Symphony, under the direction of Michael Poulos, will present a Sing-Along Messiah by Handel. Two presentations will have ticket proceeds donated to Lake County PADS.

The first performance will be Saturday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m., at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 Church St., Libertyville. The second concert will be Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m. in the Gorton Center of Lake Forest.

Soloists for these events will be Theresa Wold (soprano), Alec Jeong (tenor), Robert Frost (baritone), Jean-Marie Minton (mezzo-soprano), Bobby Lewis (trumpet soloist) and Choral Dynamics choir.

Tickets are \$10 adults, \$7 seniors and students, with children under 12 are free. Librettos are \$10. Reservations may be made by calling the Lake Bluff Park District 847-234-4150.

Famed brass sets Yule 'Spectacular'

The Chicago Brass Band, under the direction of Colin Holman, will present a "Holiday Brass Spectacular" on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. at Trinity International University, Olson Chapel, 2065 Half Day Rd. in Deerfield. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors 55 and older, and \$8 for students under age 18. This concert is presented for the community and is open to the public.

The performance will feature holiday favorites such as "Seasons Greetings," "Rhapsody on Hanukkah" and the longtime favorite, "White Christmas." In addition, the band will perform some new holiday fare that is sure to get your feet tapping and your heart in the holiday spirit, featuring new song titles: "Three Kings Swing," "Santa Claus-trophobia"

and lots more.

The Chicago Brass Band was named North American Brass Band Champion in April 2004 at the North American Brass Band Association Competition. As a result, the Chicago Brass Band has been invited to represent North America in the World Brass Band Championships in Kerkrade, Netherlands, in July 2005 and will also be a featured performer at the Great American Brass Band Festival in Danville, Ken. in June 2005.

Adler Institute of Music presents 'Yule Swing'

Faculty guitarists, Joel Shute and Mike Aleckson, have orchestrated traditional Christmas songs into a beautiful mix of heart-felt lyricism and jazz harmonies for the first installment of the Adler Institute of Music's Faculty Concert Series.

"Yule Swing" will be in the David Adler Cultural Center's Historic Ballroom Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

Joel Shute is a Chicago performing artist trained in American folk, blues and more recently jazz. Mike Aleckson grew up in Libertyville and now lives on Chicago's north side and is an active performer, composer, and teacher. Yule Swing will also feature bass player, Joe Eisman and drummer, Kurt Loeffler. The Faculty Concert Series will take place every second Friday of the month, featuring one or more faculty members from the Adler Institute of Music. Tickets are \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

Museum

Walter still sweet

You can still celebrate the life and times of Walter Payton by visiting the Lake County Discovery Museum near Wauconda for this special exhibit. "Sweetness: The Walter Payton Story" is the first-ever museum exhibition about the extraordinary life and achievements of Walter Payton.

The museum is open Sunday - Friday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Weekend and holiday admission is \$8 for adults and \$3 for youth ages four

to 17, children three years and under are free. Weekday admission is \$5.50 for adults and \$2.50 for youth ages four to 17, children three years and under are free. Seniors are \$2.50 after 2 p.m., weekdays. On Discount Tuesdays, admission is \$2.75 for adults, and youth 17 years and under are free.

The entrance to the Lake County Discovery Museum is located on Route 176 just west of Fairfield Road and east of Wauconda in Lakewood Forest Preserve.

The exhibit features sports memorabilia and Payton's personal mementos, including objects and images from his formative years in Mississippi, and his time spent making football history with the Chicago Bears. Through an experiential and interactive journey, visitors learn about the man, the legend, and Lake County's place in sports history.

For additional information about "Sweetness: The Walter Payton Story" or the Lake County Discovery Museum, visit www.lakecountymuseum.org or call the Walter Payton Exhibition Hotline at 847-968-3393.

Kids

Creative Kids show stuff

Cathy's Creative Kids Club will be performing at various locations during the holidays.

Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m., students from the Gurnee area will perform "Lights, Camera...Christmas" at the Gurnee Grade school in the gym. Eight 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are participating in the production about a movie director and his dream to bring the "perfect" family movie to the screen. Only problem - his cast and a mean boss!

Shows are open to the public with no admission fee, but donations are greatly appreciated.

Registration for Session 2 of Cathy's Creative Kids Club will be as follows:

Jan. 12, 2005 at Oakland Elementary School 6:30-7:30 p.m. for all District 34 students in grades 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Jan. 13, 2005 at Frederick Elementary School 6-7 p.m. for all Frederick Elementary School students.

TBA: Grayslake Middle School students. For more information, please contact Cathy Leafblad at 847-623-1154 or email: Leafblade@aol.com.

Festival

Winter Wonderland

The village of Island Lake Parks and Recreation Department is holding its 3rd Annual Winter Wonderland Saturday, Dec. 18, from 1-4 p.m. at Converse Park, located on Route 176 in Island Lake.

This year's Wonderland will include Christmas carols with the St. John Lutheran Church Choir, sleigh rides, refreshments, hot chocolate and, weather permitting, sledding and ice skating. Watch for a very "special guest" to make an appearance to greet all the good girls and boys. The tree lighting will take place at 4 p.m.

Admission is a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry, or a cash donation.

All proceeds from the Winter Wonderland go back into the Recreation Department, enabling it to offer quality programs for the residents of the community.

For more information, call 847-526-4851

Artists Wanted

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Deadline for the 8th annual Highland Park Festival of Fine Craft is Jan. 28, 2005. Entries of five slides (four of your work, one of your booth) need to be post marked with a \$25 check to the Suburban Fine Arts Center, 1957 Sheridan Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035.

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Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Other holiday treats will include the antique Christmas ornaments and old toys from Victorian times to the 1960s on display at Especially Maine Antiques & The Emporium of Long Grove, and Oprah's favorite Davies Gate hand creams, lotions and soaps at Potpourri.

Long Grove restaurants will feature special holiday events, too. Seasons of Long Grove

will host Nutcracker Teas at 2 p.m. every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, through the end of the year, plus Breakfasts with Santa at 9 a.m. through Dec. 19. Seasons will also host a traditional Dickens Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 22 and Thursday, Dec. 23. Phone 847-634-

9150 to make reservations required for all events. This year marks the 28th Annual Lunch with Santa at the Village Tavern. The ever popular event will be held on Monday, Dec. 20 and Tuesday, Dec. 21 with seatings at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Call 847-634-3117 for reservations. Enzo & Lucia's Ristorante, open Christmas Eve, will feature many holiday menu specials along with Italian holiday breads and Italian Panettone. Incredible holiday edibles can be found around town. Peppermint Stick Restaurant offers its signature peppermint ice cream and egg nog ice cream in dessert creations or in quarts for carry out. The Apple Haus will be baking tree-shaped coffee cakes, holiday cookies, and pumpkin pecan pie, while the Popcorn Shoppe turns out candy cane fudge and red and green, as well as Hanukkah blue, popcorn.

For more information on the many pleasures of the Long Grove Countryside Christmas, phone 847-634-0888.



LLV Area Fine Arts Council presents 2004-2005 concert series

The Greater Lindenhurst/Lake Villa Fine Arts Council is proud to present its first concert series at Lakes Community High School in Lake Villa. Individual tickets are available for \$15 per concert (seniors/military/members/students with ID \$10 per concert) or there is a season subscription ticket available for \$40. There is also a family ticket (advance ticket sale only) \$30 for any combination of one or two adults and up to four children. Tickets are non-refundable.

Waukegan Concert Chorus
Conducted by Sylvanus Tyler
Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Lakes Community High School
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Steven Suvada
Classical Guitarist
Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.
Lakes Community High School
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Suvada has mesmerized his audience. Steven Suvada has appeared as a guitar soloist with over 30 different symphony orchestras across the country, including the Miami Beach Symphony, DePaul University Symphony at Orchestra Hall, the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, and the Harper Symphony Orchestra. Having performed in music and fine arts festivals across the country, Suvada's performances have taken him to such venues as Orchestra Hall in Chicago, Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, and the Folger-Shakespeare Theater in Washington D.C. Steve Suvada is currently on the faculties at Elmhurst College, William Rainey Harper College and Loyola University.

Olga Bornovalova

Concert Pianist
Saturday, March 19, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.
Lakes Community High School
1000 Grass Lake Road, Lake Villa

From J.S. Bach to George Gershwin, Ms. Bornovalova has captivated her audiences with her stellar performances. Olga Bornovalova received her M.M. and D.M. in piano performance at the Gorky Conservatory of Music, Russia. She studied with two distinguished pianists: Sofia Polyakova and the nationally renowned Isaac Katz. Both mentors were graduates of the famous Moscow Conservatory, representing the great "Russian traditions" of piano playing. While in Russia, Olga was active as a teacher, lecturer and performer. Currently, she is on the faculty at the College of Lake County and at Adler Music Institute.

For more information please contact the Greater Lindenhurst/Lake Villa Area Fine Arts Council office at 847-265-5713. The Greater Lindenhurst/Lake Villa Fine Arts Council was formed for the enhancement of the arts in the area.

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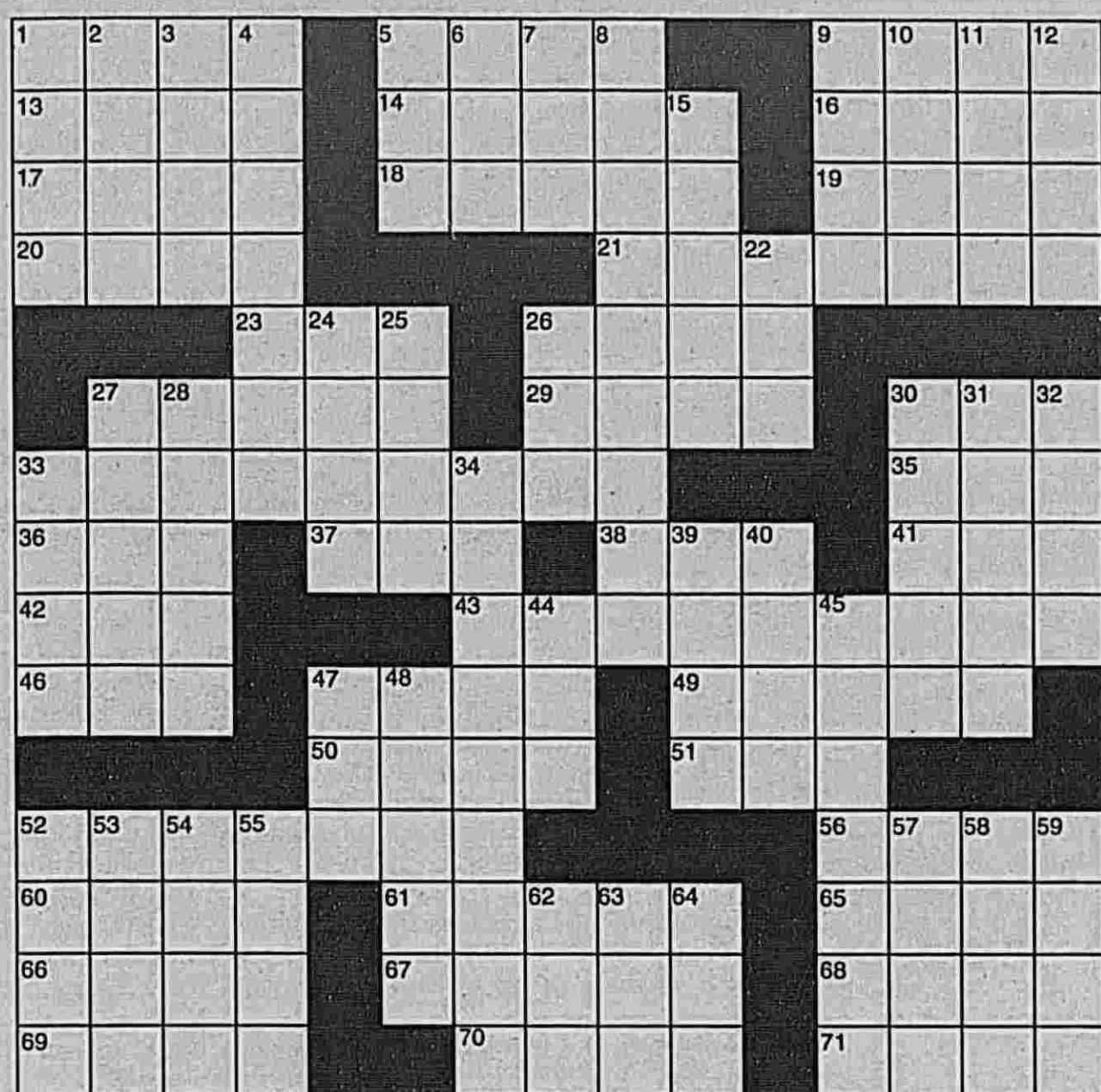
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16. Solitary
17. Gait
18. Sea jewel
19. Flat bread
20. Belief
21. Kind of singer
23. Brat
26. Xenia state
27. Jewish scripture
29. Tardy
30. Not good
33. Durations
35. Heavyweight champ
36. Consume
37. Wallach, actor
38. S.A. Golfer
41. Male offspring
42. Be
43. Sort of fighting
46. Bolted
47. Small particle
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51. Before
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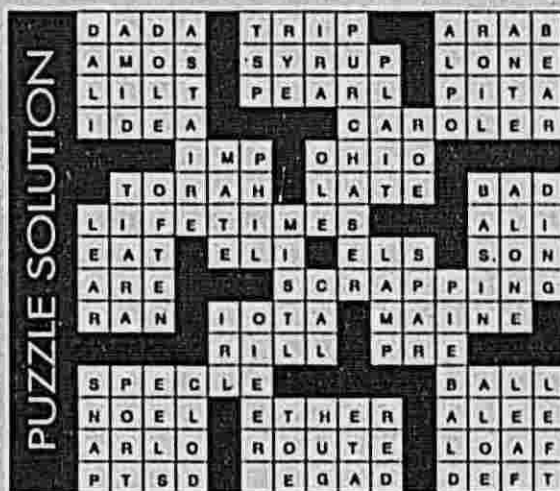
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66. Guthrie
67. Course
68. Loiter
69. Mental disorder, abbr.
70. Oh boy!
71. Nimble

DOWN

1. Painter
2. Among
3. Presidential candidate
4. Rogers' partner
5. Cooking measurement, abbr.
6. Grain
7. One of the Gershwins
8. Buyer
9. Dog food brand
10. Churn
11. Stake
12. Suffer
15. Braid
22. Fish eggs
24. Spouse
25. TV's Doctor
26. Bullfight cheer
27. Headdress
28. Many times
30. Vat
31. Solitary
32. Ring
33. Jet or King

34. Parasitic plant
39. Light
40. Debate
44. Ripkin
45. Multicolor
47. Gall
48. Cargo vessel
52. Fasten
53. Left-hand
54. Snaky fish
55. Lump
57. Healing plant
58. Fall dropper
59. Gone
62. Embrace
63. Airport abbr.
64. Scarlet



Save-A-Pet holds first holiday fund-raiser to memorialize pets

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

The last few weeks have been extra special for you, and this week will be no different. Expect surprises on the weekend that could change your mind on a special situation.



LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You have done much for others in the past, and now they feel inclined to help you out tenfold. Accept the generosity openly and you'll enjoy the days to come.



TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

The more relaxed you become this week, Taurus, the easier it will be for you to attain specific goals. Getting worked up is not the way to go. Aquarius seeks advice on Tuesday.



SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Don't be shocked by what others are up to this week, Scorpio. You know that you've done the same, and possibly worse, many times yourself. It is never a good idea to be judgmental.



GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

If you act on impulse and do things on the spur of the moment this week, you will not only enjoy yourself, but you will meet people who are impressed by your attitude.



SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You have your own goals and your own way of doing things. If you are wise, you will stick with your methods no matter how hard others try to persuade you otherwise.



CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

You're motivated, you're in a good mood — this could be one of the best weeks for getting things done. Others can't help but be impressed by your energy level.



CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

You will be a lot more sociable than you usually are, Capricorn. The more effort you make to reach out to people, the more effort they will make to be nice to you.



LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

This is one of those weeks where nothing you do seems to work out the right way. People misinterpret your actions and you're in a rut. Just remember that it will pass.



AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Many people will try to set limits for you, Aquarius. But they must be told that you will not be confined by someone else's idea of who you should be.



VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Good fortune of some kind is to be expected this week, Virgo. Feel pleased with yourself, but don't think that now you can sit back and do nothing. There is more work ahead.



PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

There will be a temptation to do something big to get noticed. The only danger is that you just may go too far in your efforts.

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Looking for unique and artistic gift ideas? The College of Lake County's ARTcetera sales and rental gallery will hold a holiday sale from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 13-15 in the Robert T. Wright Gallery at CLC's Grayslake Campus.

ARTcetera features a variety of fine art work, including handmade jewelry, silk scarves, glazed ceramic pieces, purses, cards, ornaments, sculpture and paintings made by Lake County artists at reasonable cost. All items will be 10 percent off the regular price. Friends of the Gallery receive a 20 percent discount on purchases.

For information, call 847-543-2405.

Historical society party

Looking for a family event to kick-off the holidays? Come to the "Cookies, Cocoa, and Carols" party at the Grant Hall Museum, 411 Washington Street in Ingleside (the former Grant Township Hall). This will take place Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1-4 p.m. and it is sponsored by the Fox Lake-Grant Township Area Historical Society. You do not have to stay for the entire time so this could be a refreshment stop while you are out shopping. Admission is free, but donations are always welcome.

The museum is open every Sunday from 1-4 p.m. and the exhibits are continually changing, depending on donations and the time of year. Recently, the Society dedicated the Early History Room. There are also exhibits of veteran memorabilia donated by residents in the area.

Last Chance concert

Shepherd of the Lakes Church and Last Chance Saloon are pleased to announce that hammered dulcimer virtuoso Andy Young will perform Sunday, Dec. 12. The Last Chance Music Series features contemporary Christian music the second Sunday of every month from 7-9 p.m. Besides the hammered dulcimer, Andy sings and plays Irish flute & guitar.

The Last Chance Music Series offers a wide variety of contemporary musical styles. It is not only designed for Christians, but for music lovers in general. Admission is free. No reservations are required.

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SNAP SHOTS

Your thoughts
on this week's
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Q: "Do you agree with the Bush's administration to send more troops to Iraq?"

By Sandy Bressner & John Dickson



**YOLANDA
JACKSON**
Waukegan

"No. A lot of wives have lost their husbands and children have lost their fathers. It needs to be put to an end. We have lost too many young, fine men."



**KIM
HILDEBRAND**
Island Lake

"No, I think there's enough (soldiers) there. They can do the job with what's there."



**BRIAN
MENDRALLA**
Round Lake

"I'd say yes. It's a lot better to be prepared if something is going to happen."



**PATRICK
BLAKE**
Libertyville

"I disagree that we ever went there."



**BARBARA
VANLORN**
Waukegan

"If he would send them over then get it done and over with."



**ELYSE
CLARK**
Grayslake

"I don't know, I don't know what to think."

Theater re-opening trumpets city's revival

Genesee receives rousing public ovation at first shows

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

Freedom and Liberty strode the downtown street while patrons' smiles and crystal chandeliers lit the interior of the re-born Genesee Theatre on Dec. 3. After decades of non-use, years of renovation and a brief wait in the frigid winter air, it was finally showtime for Waukegan.

Police horses made their first public appearance while pacing near searchlights that recalled the building's original 1927 opening ceremony, and wide-eyed patrons gazed upward at the numerous light and decorative fixtures hanging throughout the building. A line snaked around Clayton Street more than an hour before the house lights dimmed and Bill Cosby strode onto the stage, earning a rousing ovation from the first of two sell-out crowds.

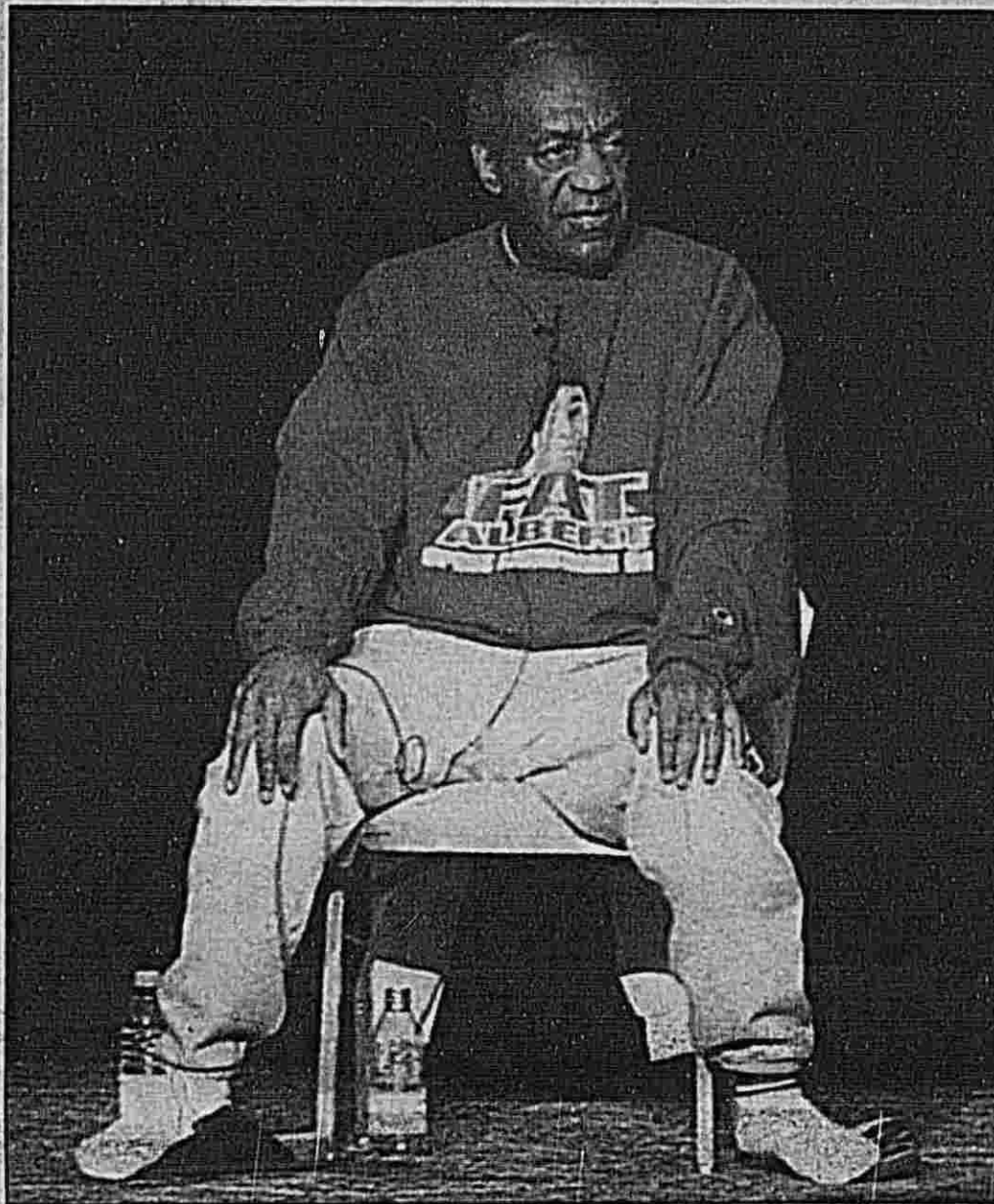
Feeding off the cheers, Cosby told the audience he was proud to perform "in your own city." "Yeah, this is very nice, and I am feeling good to be the first," he said.

His performance mixed familiar territory with spontaneous audience interaction, leaving Everlena Massey in tears "from the beginning to the end." "He just takes something that doesn't seem like nothing, and turns it into something that makes you laugh yourself silly," she said.

Before shouting a resounding "UMass!" in reference to his gray sweatpants, Donna McCann said she traveled from Boston to Waukegan just to see Cosby, "because he's the man." The promise of being able to tell their children about attending opening night led Brian and Jennifer Dumas to make a shorter trip from Beach Park. "I look at it as a historical treasure," Jennifer said of the Genesee.

Patrons gave superb reviews for a theater that created and refreshed memories for nearly 5,000 local residents.

Friday's show evoked childhood trips to the movies for Waukegan



Photos by Sandy Bressner

Above—Comedian Bill Cosby performs to the second of two sold-out shows on the opening night of the renovated Genesee Theatre in downtown Waukegan. Below—A life-long fan of Cosby is invited up to the stage for an impromptu meeting with "The Cos."

native Mike Kerpan, who saw his first presentation in 1935. "The Genesee was the theater of Lake County back in those days, it was the place to be," Kerpan said, to which his wife Annette replied, "It's going to be the theater of Lake County now."



The couple brought their children and grandchildren, who were mightily impressed by the evening's festivities.

"We feel like we're going to the Oscars," Kerpan's daughter Ginni

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Five more dates for flu shots

The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center has a limited supply of flu vaccine and will offer several walk-in clinics for Lake County residents who are at-risk for serious illness. Following is the schedule:

- Dec. 10, from 1-3 p.m., at the Mundelein Senior Center, 1200 Regent Drive, in Mundelein.
- Dec. 11, from 1-3 p.m., at Warren Township Offices, 17801 W. Washington St., in Gurnee.
- Dec. 13, from 1-3 p.m., at St. Marks Education Center, 1840 Grand Ave., in Lindenhurst.
- Dec. 15, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Waukegan Township Park Place, 414 S. Lewis, in Waukegan.
- Dec. 17, from 1-3 p.m., at Elia Township Senior Center/ Foglia YMCA, 1025 Old McHenry Road, in Lake Zurich.

To qualify for a shot, individuals must be residents of Lake County and fall into one of the following categories: be a child age 6 to 23 months, an adult over age 65, be 2 to 64 years old with underlying chronic medical conditions, be pregnant, be a health care worker or be a caregiver or household contact of children less than six months of age.

It is important that persons 65 and over bring their Medicare part B cards to the clinics, which will cover the cost of the flu vaccine. Those not on Medicare part B will be charged \$19 for the vaccine. Credit cards will not be accepted.

People seeking shots may have to wait in line. The public is urged to not come to the clinics prior to the start time listed, as waiting space is limited. Flu shots will be provided until supplies are gone. The Health Department maintains a flu vaccine hotline with updates on flu shot availability at 847-377-8480.

County chairs keep their seats

Schmidt retained as board chair

By Jeff Zachary

Staff Reporter

With Larry Leafblad (R-Highland Lake) acting as temporary chairman, the Lake County Board unanimously voted to keep Suzi Schmidt (R-Lake Villa) as chairman for the next two years.

Carol Calabresa (R-Libertyville) made the nominating speech.

"It's my pleasure this morning to nominate a dear friend—not only to me but also to people throughout the county," Calabresa said.

She added that very few people have the amount of government experience that Schmidt has and the good reputation to go with it.

"So I would like to nominate our friend—everyone's friend in the county and throughout the state—

Suzi Schmidt to be our chairman," Calabresa said.

Seconding the nomination was Angelo Kyle (D-Waukegan).

"It's a privilege and a pleasure to second the nomination of one of this

county's great ambassadors. She has held numerous leadership positions on the county board as well as the forest preserve. She has served in the capacity as chair with distinct honor and therefore I would wholeheartedly like to second the nomination for the honorable and gentle woman from Lake Villa," Kyle said.

With no other nominations made for county chair Schmidt was then elected to a stand-



**Schmidt: Two
more years; ran
unopposed.**

Carter wins 2 more years at helm

By Jeff Zachary

Staff Reporter

Surviving a strong challenge by Audrey Nixon (D-North Chicago) Bonnie Thomson Carter (R-Ingleside) was reelected as forest preserve chair by a vote of 15-8.

Carter was nominated by Stevenson Mountsier (R-Lake Barrington).

"I think that Bonnie in the past few years has proven her mettle to stand up and be counted when it's necessary. She has made some tough decisions and has proven her leadership ability in her decision making," Mountsier said.

Judy Martini (R-Antioch) seconded the motion.

"As past president of the board,

Bonnie Thomson Carter has proved that she is not afraid to make the tough decisions. And she is not afraid of controversy. Bonnie Thomson Carter has the experience, she has the knowledge and has the fortitude that is needed to make a great leader. Bonnie Thomson Carter is not only someone I consider a friend, but she is someone I look up to and someone I respect. I am honored to second the motion," Martini said.

Carol Spielman (D-Highland Park) nominated Nixon and Mary Ross Cunningham (D-Waukegan) seconded the

motion.

"I hope you will vote for Audrey



**Carter: Win
doesn't go with-
out dissention.**

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Gun buy-back program on hold

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

Despite its relative success in recent years, a lack of funding and a lull in the market putting the counties gun buy-back program on hold this year.

The sponsors of the program think that it may not be fiscally possible to conduct the program, when factoring in the potential number of guns they may receive, said Terry Lemming, the director of Lake County's Metropolitan Enforcement Group.

Lake County's MEG, along with the Sheriff's Office, Crime Stoppers and the Lake County Chiefs of Police Association, has sponsored the program in the past.

The groups combined to offer anyone who brings in an unwanted gun a \$50 gift certificate. Typically they set up at 10 police departments around the county, and residents bring in unwanted guns of all sorts. In 2001, the first year of the program, they had 408 guns brought in, in 2003 there were 278 and last year there were 206, Lemming said.

At \$50 a gun, that averaged out to more than \$18,000 year.

Initially, the program was struggling with funds, and some police officers had to put money in from their own pocket to cover costs, Lemming said.

The program is a good way to get unwanted guns out of homes, but it is expensive,

Lemming said. It will almost definitely be back next December, he added.

The year off will also make for market saturation, Lemming said. Trends showed that the people who do have unwanted guns in their homes probably already turned them in one of the past three years. With another year, they may see more people participate.

The typical person who turns in a gun is someone who may have one around the house that they no longer want, Lemming said.

"Gang members are not going to come in," Lemming said.

But gang members aren't the only ones who could use a gun to cause harm, Lemming said. Unwanted guns left around the house have the potential to be picked up by kids, who could hurt themselves or a friend.

Marcial Rodriguez, a Gurnee resident who donated \$5,000 to the buy-back program, said he thought getting rid of one unwanted gun is worth the cost.

"If we can get one unwanted gun out of a child's home, I'm all for it," Rodriguez said. "Saving one life, one grieving parent or loss of one police officer is more than worth it to me."

When the program comes back next year, Rodriguez said he is more than happy to help. The program is a way of addressing the problem with unwanted guns, Rodriguez said. The sponsor groups are not against the "right to bare arms."

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Jackson emerges as Link's first challenger

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

The election may still be nearly two years away, but the Illinois' 30th District Senate race is already gaining interest.

Citing he thinks the position of state senator can do a lot of good for the county, Buffalo Grove resident Greg Jackson has thrown his hat in the ring for the senate seat in 2006.

Jackson, who made an unsuccessful bid for county board two years ago as a Democrat, will challenge Democratic State Sen. Terry Link, as a Republican.

The switch in parties, which he officially made with the announcement of his candidacy, had a lot to do with the direction Jackson said he saw the Democratic Party headed.

"It's no longer a party of seclusion," said Jackson, who considers himself a social moderate and fiscal conservative.

The Democrats lean too far to the left,

he added.

While Jackson, the owner of the political consulting firm Electoral Strategies, recognized that running for state senate is different than running for county board, he said that he thought a senator could make more change.

The county board can't bring in more transportation dollars or more education dollars for the county the way a senator can, Jackson said.

He added that he'd like to see the economy made stronger and jobs increased in Illinois.

To be able to get things accomplished and get a better feel of what constituents wants, Jackson said it was necessary to begin his campaign early.

Running a campaign is expensive, Jackson said. And problems, he felt, are too big to start a campaign six months before the primary.

"(The campaign) needs to be a marathon, not a sprint," Jackson said.

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CLC elects new chairman

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

A part of its annual reorganization, the seven-member College of Lake County Board of Trustees named Lake Forest resident William Griffin its newest chairman.

Griffin, a longtime board member will be taking over for Barb Oilschlager as chairman. Normal terms as chairman run a year, his term will run short however, because of elections in April.

Griffin, who also served as chairman in 1998, said he was excited to be back in the top spot.

"We alternate frequently so everyone has a chance to be the chief spokesman," Griffin said. "It's a good experience for all board members to do that."

The position does come with a bit of an increase in work load, Griffin said, but he can handle it, he added.

As she returns to a role as a normal chairperson, Oilschlager said she looks forward to the college's future. The school has come a long way in the past 10 years, and she said the board would like to continue that.

One of the immediate tasks at hand, is choosing a new president to replace Gretchen Naff, who is retiring in June.

The board hopes to bring in candidates this month, Oilschlager said.

In addition to Griffin being named chairman, Grayslake resident Richard Anderson was named vice-chairman for the next five months.

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A LIGHT TO REMEMBER



Photos by John Dickson

Above-Kerry Chambers, from Des Plaines, and Col. Jill Morgenthaler with the United States Army Reserve, hold candles to support troops and their families during the first Operation Homefront Candlelight Vigil.

Right-Despite the wind and the rain, Barbara Rouse, from Libertyville, solemnly holds a candle to show her support the troops during the vigil.



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Waukegan's back with big show

With one of America's most beloved comics, Bill Cosby, as the headline attraction, Waukegan signalled that it is back in a big way among its sister cities and villages in northeastern Illinois.

Cosby provided the necessary star power to insure that the reopening of the Genesee Theatre was a night to remember. Cosby didn't disappoint two packed houses. Neither did the venerable Genesee, once Lake County's premier movie show place and entertainment center. Sporting a \$23 million renovation face, the Genesee was part of a glittering array of smartly dressed first-nighters, searchlights, sidewalk bands, mounted police patrol, free trolleys and convenient parking.

For years Waukegan was pummeled by Rust Belt economics. For a high profile project to dramatize revitalization, officials employed the restoration of the 77-year-old Genesee Theatre as the centerpiece of a new era. Neighboring communities in Lake County grew and flourished for the past 30 years with all the promises of modern suburbia, while Waukegan languished. But the neighbors don't have a Genesee and now it's a different story.

While the Genesee has been restored to the opulence resonating Dec. 25, 1927, when it opened, the 2004 Genesee is even better. More lounges, more seats (about 700 additional), more restrooms and an enlarged stage that will be able to accommodate the needs of Broadway productions.

There still is much downtown revitalization work to be done. In the meantime, though, there will be little argument to theater manager's David Rovine's observation: "The Genesee truly is one of the most beautiful theaters in the country."

Save your vote for the red fox

Somewhere out there, possibly a thicket surrounding a wetland or heavy underbrush, lurks a creature who will be designated Illinois' favorite native mammal. Adults and schoolchildren have an opportunity to vote in a contest being conducted by Outdoor Illinois magazine, the official publication of the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources.

The top vote-getter will be showcased and described in detail in early 2005.

Nominated for the native mammal, all of them running on environmental platforms, according to editors of the magazine, are the thirteen-lined ground squirrel, the mink, the opossum and the red fox. Near as we can tell, the four candidates can be found in Lake County, so voters won't have to guess in the dark. A glance in the backyard might help voters make a selection.

Interesting to note that deer and coyote were not nominated. They're native Illinois mammals, all right, but too pesty or dangerous to be given favored status. Ditto for raccoon. It wasn't confirmed, but someone from Lake County, probably with an off-beat sense, suggested that the cougar should be placed in nomination. Ho, ho, ho!

We're going to cast our vote for the red fox. They keep to themselves, help reduce the rodent population and their flash of crimson on a sunny day against a backdrop of trees or overgrowth is a beautiful sight, a delight of nature. Regular readers of this page know how we feel about squirrels. No way. Mink are mean and they bite. Opossum don't bother anyone, but they can startle passersby. Kinda of scary, in fact. So our vote goes for the red fox, semi-friendly, good neighbors and great to watch.

To vote, visit www.dnr.state.il.us/OI.



VIEWPOINT

Christmas giving choices abound



Bill Schroeder
Publisher

Besides your family gift giving, there are many choices for sharing Christmas spirit.

A favorite of mine is the township food pantry. A gift of money or several bags of canned goods will be received gratefully at the township office, which is a major clearing house for families in need or hungry. Your gift will be put to good use.

Watch the paper for local civic organizations sponsoring holiday parties for children. Again, every penny you donate will be put to good use.

There's still time to give some toys to the Marine Corps League Toys for Tots. What a great job the Leathernecks perform to make deserving children happy at Christmas.

Fortunately, for our community, civic groups put a high priority on staging needy children's Christmas parties with food, entertainment and gifts.

Your house of worship probably conducts its own food drive or sponsors a mitten or scarf tree. New or used clothing is put to good use. Want to put a smile on your face? Offer a helping hand to your hometown senior citizens Christmas party. Not too far from you is a PADS facility where homeless are providing a night of shelter and a hot meal. This time of year PADS volunteers are grateful to receive and pass out toiletries and clean socks.

Just a few reminders of ways to make the holidays more meaningful for both yourself and others. There's still a mountain of truth in the old saying, "It's better to

give than receive."

Welcome Adm. Jones

Members of the Lake County Council of Navy League will toss out the red carpet of welcome Friday, Jan. 7, for Rear Adm. Gary R. Jones, who is settling in as the new commander of Great Lakes Naval Training Station. The welcome will take the form of a dinner at Harrison House, Lake Bluff.

Family help

The U.S. Marines, never wavering from tough jobs, are facing another rugged assignment. Lake County Leathernecks are out to raise money so deserving families can visit wounded loved ones in military hospitals.

They've planned a gathering for Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Lake Villa VFW, to raise money to pay hotel bills, travel expenses and food. Ken Grosvenor, who spark-plugs the annual Marine Corps birthday observance in these parts with a Toys for Tots breakfast, said travel expenses for families often are "out of bounds." \$200-day-hotel rooms. Travel expenses of several hundred dollars. "We're out to help families anyway possible. Moms, dads. Brothers, sisters. Other relatives. The recovering armed forces members will get a big lift from a family visit," Grosvenor declared. Bethesda, MD, is a major destination. He can be contacted at 847-223-2468 for further details. There will be food, raffles and fun at the VFW. Contributions will be put to good use.



COMMENTARY

State Sen.
Pamela Althoff

Put brakes on real estate fee

The fall 2004 Veto Session of the Illinois General Assembly, was marked more by what did not happen than what actually occurred. Despite the hype, there was no big gambling bill, no budget for state-sponsored construction projects and certainly not even a mention of medical malpractice reform. We could not even reach an agreement on a supplemental appropriation bill.

I did support the Senate plan which added \$20 million to general revenue spending. This additional spending included about \$5.5 million to improve security at the State Capitol. While both the House and the Senate approved additional spending for Capitol security, nothing was sent to the Governor because the leaders in the two chambers were unable to reach an agreement on which version of the Capitol security funding bill should be used.

The Senate version included additional funding for other projects and programs, while the House version only provided funding for security at the State Capitol. This disagreement is a

clear signal that the chamber rivalry, which lead to the record 54-day overtime session last summer, is still alive and well. One political party controls both chambers, but somehow the leaders in the House and the Senate cannot even agree on something as simple as authorizing additional spending to improve security at the State Capitol. A guard was shot and killed this summer, and even though everyone agrees we need more security at the Capitol, nothing was done because of these petty disagreements. If this is a sign of things to come, it could be a very long spring session next year.

There was some good, though, in the General Assembly's inaction this fall. Some common sense objections put the brakes on legislation, which would have cost homeowners some \$37 million in new fees. The legislation (House Bill 626) passed the Senate Executive Committee, but it never came up

PARTY LINES

GOP still holds county reins

THIS COLUMN OF POLITICAL OPINION
IS PREPARED FROM STAFF REPORTS

Despite Democratic gains in the fall general election, Republicans still maintain a solid grip on the Lake County Board and the Forest Preserve District.

Four consecutive party line votes were cast to fill the offices of County Board chair and vice chair, and Forest Preserve president and vice president.

This, despite a declaration by re-elected County Board Chair **Suzi Schmidt**, who said "Democrats and Republicans work together." Except every two years when leadership votes are taken. Schmidt was re-elected to a third term by acclamation. There was evidence of Schmidt's conviction that partisanship is minimal in County Board affairs with the second of her nomination by **Angelo Kyle**, Waukegan Democrat.

For the first time within memory, there will be no "newcomers" on the County Board. Schmidt was quick to stress that abundance of experience will be put to good use in tackling county business. "It's going to be exciting. It's going to be a great two years," Schmidt enthused. Of the seven board members installed at the reorganization



Hess: Takes
work breaks to
visit friends in
county bldg.



McKenna: Gets
National post
following bid for
U.S. Senate.

meeting, **Larry Leafblad** returned after a two-year absence following 12 years of unbroken service. The break cost Leafblad seniority and he took the last of 23 seats.

Republican **Michael Talbett** of Lake Zurich was elected vice chairman 17-6 over Democrat Carol Spielman of Highland Park. Republican **Bonnie Thomson Carter** of Ingleside retained her Forest Preserve presi-

dency 15-8 over Democrat Audrey Nixon of North Chicago. Republican **Pam Newton** of Vernon Hills was elected Forest Preserve vice president 17-6 over Democrat Bob Sabonjian of Waukegan.

"Just one big happy family," quipped **Steve Carlson** of Gurnee after the GOP sweep.

As members were departing for the traditional Chairman's Lunch at Bonnie Brook Golf Club in Waukegan, Carter noted that her own indecision about the future might have contributed to the boomlet for Nixon for Forest Preserve president. Carter said she had a tough primary election battle last spring that took priority over talking about plans for a second term as president of the Forest Preserve until her nomination was safely tucked away.

Hess returns

Former Democrat County Clerk **Linda Hess** was a surprise visitor during the County Board/Forest Preserve reorganization meeting Monday. Hess said her busy financial planning practice keeps her calendar full.

Welcome back

As a welcome back gesture, County Board colleagues elected **Larry Leafblad** temporary chair. He was nominated by **Michael Talbett**.

Presidential choice

North Shore Republican **Andrew McKenna Jr.** is in the process of taking a seat on the National Security Education Board. The four-year term is a Presidential appointment. McKenna was among candidates who sought the U.S. Senate nomination last spring.

New look

Newly elected coroner **Richard Keller** wasted no time putting a "new look" on the Lake County coroner's office. Keller announced that his office no longer will handle cremations for the poor. Keller also has formed a seven-member ethics panel to review operations of the office. Handling of cremations was an issue in the Nov. 2 election.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Banning Christmas carols shows reverse bias

Because we are a nation with many diverse ethnicity and religious cultures, our political and religious leaders encourage us to be tolerant of the beliefs and customs of others. Indeed, the Lakeland newspapers Holiday Traditions section asks readers to "infuse more meaning into Holiday traditions by learning about other religions and taking the opportunity to share in the celebrations of friends or family who practice other faiths."

That being said, we as a Christian family in Gurnee Woodland School District 50 have graciously accepted our children bringing home various arts, crafts and songs based on religious beliefs and ethnic cultures from around the world. These included crayon drawings of menorahs, homemade dreidel and songs about the dreidel, and even Kwanza blankets woven out of colorful construction paper. We took no offense—what better place than school to learn about different beliefs and customs?

However, we now find it extremely offensive that Christmas carols have suddenly been banned from all Woodland School buses because one student's family found them to be offensive to their own religious beliefs. What happened to religious tolerance? Why are 7,000 students and bus drivers having their rights rescinded because of one student? Why are Woodland officials allowing the minority to rule over the majority? What happened to freedom of choice?

Does that same family avoid shopping or going to public places during this time of year so that their child will not be tempted to join a Christian faith because of the Christmas carols being played? Wouldn't this student be a better keeper of his/her faith by sharing beliefs, customs and songs with the other students? We hardly believe that distracted children on a noisy school bus are actually enjoying carols because they are tied to a specific religion. The children enjoy Christmas carols because the familiar tunes are part of a tradition that is as American as apple pie. And, if you read the December 6th issue of the Chicago Tribune (School's inclusive Christmas excludes Christ), a spokesman for the Illinois American Civil Liberties Union was quoted as saying, "Christmas songs about Christ are fine at this time of the year."

We are standing up for OUR personal rights and those of the MAJORITY of Woodland students. We strongly urge Woodland School officials to reverse the ban on Christmas carols and allow our children, particularly the little ones, to hang on to the magic and wonderment that many of our traditional holiday songs evoke. And, because this is a free country, those who don't want to listen have the freedom to wear ear plugs! If any of your readers feel the same way, we invite them to join us at the next Woodland

School Board meeting on Wednesday, December 15th.
Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, and Happy Kwanza to all.

Ken/Sandy Hartogh
Grayslake

Dem record dismal

Americans have paid Social Security taxes for years and now get taxed on 85 percent of that money when it comes back in the form of Social Security payments.

Oh, and which political party took Social Security from the independent "Trust" fund and put it into the general fund so that Congress could spend it? It was Lyndon Johnson and the Democratically controlled House and Senate.

And which political party eliminated the income tax deductions for Social Security (FICA) withholding? It was the Democratic party.

And which political party started taxing Social Security annuities? It was the Democratic Party, with Al Gore casting the "tie-breaking" decision vote as president of the Senate.

And which political party decided to start giving annuity payments to immigrants even though they have never paid a dime into it? It was Jimmy Carter and the Democratic Party.

And guess which political party now tells us that the Republicans want to take your Social Security away by trying to save it from bankruptcy by privatizing a portion of it?

Janice Rogalin
Oak Brook Terrace

Help food pantries

I was recently reading an article about how the shelves in our local food pantries are getting very bare. Prior to reading this, my husband and I had donated a box of non-perishables consisting of canned goods, shampoo, toothpaste, body lotion and hand soap. It made me happy that I had already helped in a small way.

Our ever growing population and economy seem to bring more and more people to the food pantries. The people who benefit from the food pantries are people just like you and I—and there but for the grace of God go any one of us. Please do what you can to help keep our local food pantries well stocked—not only during the holiday but year round.

If everyone in Antioch would make a commitment to donate either a small amount of money or a small amount of non-perishables once a month or once every other month, it sure would help ensure that enough food would be on hand for the

needy.

Some suggested donations are canned soups, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, pork and beans, canned beets, macaroni and cheese, various pastas, stove top stuffing mixes, shampoo, bar soap, tooth paste, hand or body lotion, toilet paper, etc. etc. If you can only give a little—please do—if you can give a lot—please do that also.

Please do what you can to help those who are experiencing hard times. If everyone makes a commitment to do a little than no one has to be over burdened. You can take your donations to St. Peter's Church in Antioch.

Liz Schmehl
Antioch

Museum support

On behalf of the USS. Conolly Museum and Memorial and the Lake County Council of the U.S. Navy League, I would like to thank everyone who stopped by to visit our display and to make contributions during our fundraising event in the lobby of the County Building.

I would also like to thank Lake County Board Chairman Suzie Schmidt and Commissioners Kyle, Nixon and Cunningham for their support and a special thank you to Robert Barnhouse and Brian McClain who provided direct logistical support. The USS Conolly Museum will be a memorial to our servicemen and veterans as well as providing an educational and research facility for our children and scholars from around the region.

With the continued support of the community and our legislators, the Conolly will be a major addition to Waukegan's lakefront and provide visitors with a unique educational experience. For more information on the

USS. Conolly project please visit our website: DD979.COM.

Keith E. Turner
U.S.S. Conolly Museum
Lake County Council of the U.S. Navy League
Waukegan

Helping animals

Animal Education and Rescue, an Illinois not-for-profit organization would like to thank all those businesses that helped us throughout 2004. They include: The Pet Sitters of America in Libertyville, Compassionate Dog Training in Libertyville, Hawthorn Limousine Service in Vernon Hills, Pro/Craft Painting and Contracting in Libertyville, The T-Shirt Store in Waukegan, Stark Printing in Lake Bluff, Tim Johnson's Landscaping in Highland Park, Egg Harbor Café in Lincolnshire, Silver Dog Grooming in Libertyville, Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Libertyville, Petco in Vernon Hills, Orphan's of the Storm Veterinarian Clinic in Lincolnshire, car Animal Hospital in Libertyville, Mundelein Animal Hospital in Mundelein and Hawthorn Animal Hospital in Vernon Hills.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who have worked so hard this year to help animals and people in need. Through your dedication we have saved the lives of over 50 pets, provided 12 months of Pet Therapy and helped lower the overpopulation of pets by advocating spaying/neutering.

Animal Education and Rescue provides pet therapy to area nursing homes, educational programs for schools and civic organizations and rescues homeless pets and places them in new, loving homes. For more information contact us at 847-816-0831 or www.animaleducationandrescue.org.

Sandy Kamen Wisniewski
Animal Rescue and Education

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COMMENTARY

for a vote on the floor of the Senate.

The controversial legislation would have created a new \$1 fee on all real estate related document transactions filed with county recorders. These transactions would have included refinance as well as real estate purchases and the fee would be assessed on each document filed with the county. The idea behind this legislation was to create a subsidy program for landlords, but about 40 percent of the fees collected statewide would have gone to the City of Chicago.

Thankfully, this legislation never came up for a vote. Taxes and fees went up by \$1 billion in 2003 and another fee hike would only add to our tax burden here in Illinois. The cost of

doing business in this state is already high, why do we want to add to this burden? We should be reducing fees, not increasing them.

The Veto Session is a foreshadowing of what is to come. One reason there was so little activity is the lack of resources at the state level. The financial picture of the state is again a bleak one. There are going to be a lot of hard choices to make next spring. Unfortunately, the leaders in the House and the Senate cannot even resolve something as simple as improving security at the State Capitol. This does not exactly inspire confidence.

Editor's note: Sen. Althoff represents a mostly eastern McHenry County district. She is a Republican.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Cookie sale

The Lake County Association for Home and Community Education is having their annual cookie sale, Saturday, Dec. 11 at the University of Illinois Extension office in Grayslake from 9 a.m.-noon. For call ahead orders, call Betty Wertke at 815-385-4243. All cookies are homemade and sold by the pound. Come early for the best selection. The University of Illinois Extension Center is located at 100 S. Route 45, just north of Route 120 in Grayslake.

Sheriff's office receives grant

The Lake County sheriff's office has been chosen by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission to receive a grant in the amount of \$19,030 to establish a comprehensive educational and enforcement program on minimum-age tobacco laws.

The commission, the state's lead agency in developing strategies to reduce the availability and delivery of tobacco products to minors, is awarding \$1 million in grants to Illinois communities that are willing to implement a Tobacco Enforcement

Program to reduce youth access to tobacco products. Grantees are required to conduct retail education prior to implementing the enforcement component which requires three compliance checks on each tobacco retailer. In its fourth year, the program has seen a 12-percent increase in compliance to minimum-age tobacco laws to 93 percent.

Grade schoolers create low-fat snacks

The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center's school-based Fun and Fit Program will work with children to create their own low-fat snack of cheddar popcorn using freshly popped popcorn and melted cheese.

The Fun and Fit program is an after school program for third-fifth grade students. The program fosters good eating habits and promotes physical activity as a way to address the obesity epidemic. Wednesdays are "Make a Healthy Recipe Day," where children learn about cooking skills and healthy eating.

The Greenwood Elementary School in Waukegan is one of the schools participating in this program.

Two arrested in drive-by shooting

The Lake County Sheriff's Office has obtained arrest warrants for two people that were involved in a drive-by shooting on Dec. 6.

Bryan M. Fountain, 25, of 10932 75th Street, Kenosha and his girlfriend, Randi L. Smith, 20, of 3311 Kensington Lane, Zion were both charged on the warrants with one count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, a class 1 felony.

Sheriff's investigators obtained the warrants after a drive-by shooting occurred Dec. 6 at approximately 8:30 p.m. at a residence located in the 10000 block of Wadsworth Road in Beach Park.

Investigators obtained information from the victims of the shooting, who were not injured in the incident, that they, Fountain and Smith were involved in a deal for marijuana the previous week. The victims told investigators that Fountain and Smith believed they received a bad deal from them and wanted either more marijuana or their money back.

When the victims did not respond to their requests, Fountain and Smith returned to the residence and Fountain fired four shots from a 9mm Browning semi-automatic pistol at the residence while Smith drove the car, according to the sheriff's office.

Kenosha authorities have Fountain in custody and will be charging him with the drug and firearms possession. Fountain will remain in their custody pending extradition on the Lake County Sheriff's warrant.

Smith was located by sheriff's deputies at her residence in Zion where she was taken into custody without incident. She was transported to the county jail. Investigators will review all reports and evidence in the case with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office to determine whether or not the victims of the drive-by shooting will be charged as well for engaging in narcotics trafficking.

A call from the IRS may be good news

The Internal Revenue Service is waiting to hear from more than 2,700 Illinois residents who still haven't received their 2003 federal tax refunds.

An annual review shows 2718 federal tax refunds totaling almost \$2.1 million for Illinois taxpayers were returned to the IRS as "undeliverable." Most refunds are from tax returns filed for the 2003 tax year, but some taxpayers are due refunds for more than one tax year. The checks range from as low as \$1 to nearly \$82,000. The average per-check amount is \$764.

Sue Hales, IRS spokesperson for northern Illinois said refund checks go astray for reasons that can vary with each taxpayer. "Most often, it's because a life change - such as a marriage - causes an address change. If a taxpayer moves or changes their address and fails to notify the IRS or the U.S. Postal Service, a check sent to their last known address is returned to the IRS," said Hales.

Taxpayers who have moved since filing their last tax return can ensure the IRS has their correct address by filing Form 8822, Change of Address, with the IRS. Download the form from the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov or request it by calling 1-800-829-3676.

Taxpayers without access to the Internet who think they may be missing a refund check should first check their records or contact their tax preparer, then call the IRS toll-free assistance line at 1-800-829-1040 to update their address.

Locally, those due refunds from the IRS are:

Antioch—Cook, Joseph M; Meyers, Toni S & Mykhailo Dobrodum; Stevens, Maryjane G.

Fox Lake—Meyn, Michael J.

Grayslake—Kawkeka, Cathy; Hebert, Jean-Francois & C St-Onge; Cortez, Jose J.

Gurnee—Huley, Stevon M; Khan, Sheharyar L; Foley, John; Tsai, Lily; Rivera, Jesenia L.

Lake Villa—Kelly, Brian E; Brody, Steven I.

Libertyville—Vranic, Vladimir.

Mundelein—Maldonado, Alejandro; Quevedo, Macario & Juana; Sierra, Elvis; Woodward, Lashunda; Hill, Matthew J; Reczkowicz, Katarzyna; Chung, Peter; Joyce, Jason; Shah, Stela G & Gaurang K; Gomez-Rodriguez, Jose L; Sebring, Karen M Decd.

Round Lake—Rosario, Juan A; Montemayor, Alicia; Zavala, Rigoberto & Claudia Valencia; Vega, Miguel; Flores, Herlinda & Leonardo Aguila; Shanks, Ronnie D; Musial, Kara A; Bishop, William C & Leslie L Jr.

Round Lake Beach—Robledo, Juan; Guardado, Salvador.

Wauconda—Rountree, Charles E; Rosiles Arreola, Celedonia; Hurtado, Ramon G.

Waukegan—Trujillo, Abel; Ortega, Isidro Manuel; Ruiz, Octavio; Valencia, Jose A & Maria D Valencia; Valencia, Jose A & Maria Del Carmen; Sanchez-Jimenez, Antonio; Villegas, Mayra D; Cabrera, Pete J; Bruce, David; Molina, Henry; Morales, Dionisio C; Aylsworth, Sean E; Rivera Montes, C & Ma Garcia; Casillas, Ramon E; Abrams, Jason N; Gomez, Antonio; Hernandez Cruz, Pablo; Martinez, Hermilo; Quinones, Liz Y; Mendoza, Minerva; Lee, Lamisha R.

New YMCA program to continue tradition

For young children, life is a wondrous journey with the parent as a guide. That's the premise of YMCA Adventure Guides, a new parent-child experience, beginning this fall, with the launch of the Lake Prairie Federation.

This program is an enhanced and updated version of YMCAs' earlier, time-honored Indian Guides and Indian Princesses parent-child programs. It celebrates family, nature, community, and plain old-fashioned fun, imbued with four character values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Beginning this month, the Lake Prairie Federation will offer families the unique parent-child experiences that the Indian Guides and Princess programs have been providing since 1926. The Lake Prairie Federation is under the auspices of the Central Lakes YMCA in Vernon Hills.

"Teaching values, strengthening parent-child relationships, feeling support from other families, and having fun will remain the hallmarks of the Lake Prairie Federation," said Federation Chief Kane Calamari of Libertyville. "YMCA Adventure Guides is a parent-child program that makes all of these things happen."

Like the symbolic compass of its new logo, YMCA Adventure Guides offers new directions to rituals, routines and rites of passage, group meetings and activities, community outings and overnight camping. The program is structured so that one parent spends time with his or her 5- to 9-year-old child, building a relationship that is sure to make them "friends forever." Indeed, "friends forever" is the program motto, which brings together two previous mottos (friends always and pals forever) to connect current participants to one another and to past participants from decades ago.

"The Lake Prairie Federation and the Central Lakes YMCA are committed to strengthening values in young children and to supporting our families," said Calamari. "We're excited to be able to introduce this new direction in parent-child programs and we're confident that it will have a broad appeal, allowing us to reach out and serve more families than ever before."

The Lake Prairie Federation is a volunteer-driven organization with more than 2,000 members from as far north as Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as far south as Lisle, Illinois, as far east as Highland Park, Illinois and as far west as Island Lake, Illinois, with the largest portion of the membership residing in Lake County, Illinois. Founded as the Sioux Federation in the

early 1990s, the organization is composed of six parent-child programs for parents and children in grades K-8. The Lake-Prairie Federation is entirely self-governed and administered by volunteers elected from its membership.

Recognizing that the change to a new program theme would create challenges and possible controversy, the Federation's leaders have spent the past 12 months in developing and executing a detailed Transition Plan that allows for new program themes while retaining many of the traditional elements of the long-standing Indian Guides and Princess programs.

"The program transition process has had its share of challenges," added Calamari. "But now, after two years of soul-searching and transformation, we know we are doing the right thing and feel confident we made the right decision by removing Native American references as our program theme. This is in tune with respecting Native American culture. All that was effective in the YMCA Indian Guides programs: objectives, aims, motto, purpose, pledge, and structure, are key elements of the YMCA Adventure Guides program. Much of the new program is going to feel the same as the old one. Kids will still get to spend lots of time with their dads or moms and their friends. The aims and goals that kids learn will stay the same and kids will still get to go camping, play games, be silly, and have fun. In today's world where watching TV is often the number-one activity that families do together, these program ideals are more important than ever."

The Lake Prairie program theme is centered on our nation's national park system. The Federation will be comprised of 14 "Expeditions" each named for a US national park. Each Expedition will be comprised of several tribes from various communities and neighborhoods across Lake and Cook counties. National Park names replace Native American names formerly used to identify the membership groups.

"Kids can now use our national park system as a learning tool," added Calamari. "Our 15 Expeditions have national park names such as Acadia, Biscayne, Denali, Everglades, Glacier and Yellowstone. National park names also tie in to the Adventure Guides themes of respect for nature and the environment."

For more information on the Lake-Prairie Federation of the YMCA Adventure Guides, visit www.lakeprairie.org or write to P.O. Box 5304, Vernon Hills, IL 60061.

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OBITUARIES

George W. Kolian

Age 81, a longtime resident of Fox Lake, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004 at home. He was born on Dec. 1, 1923 in Chicago to George F. and Helen (nee Jablonski) Kolian and was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp during WWII. On June 28, 1945 he was united in marriage to Lois Mary Lippert in California. He was employed for over 53 years with Morton Sheet Metal Manufacturing Co. in Libertyville retiring as the vice president of manufacturing. He was a member of the Lakes Region American Legion Post 703 and the VFW. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a member of Ducks Unlimited. Following a stroke in 1988 he studied martial arts and obtained a black belt in his division.

Survivors include, his son, Douglas (Donna) Kolian of Fox Lake, with whom he made his home; his sister, Delores Nielsen of Arlington Heights; his step-grandchildren, Ember Bindrim of McHenry and Brittany Bindrim of Fox Lake; nieces and nephews, Terry Lippert of Georgia, Judith Bellamy of Texas, Scott Nielsen of Fox Lake, Terin Nielsen of Washington, Brian Nielsen of Florida, Michael Lippert of Grayslake; and a cousin, Diane Butler of Rockford. He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lois on Aug. 4, 2004; and by his grandson, Mark Kolian on Nov. 24, 1993. Memorials for Ducks Unlimited c/o Becky Paysinger, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120, will be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements for private services were completed by the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home, 12 N. Pistakee Lk. Rd., Fox Lake (The chapel on the lake).

Alexander Keller

Age 90 of Antioch, passed away Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004 at the Terrace Nursing Home in Waukegan. Alex was born in Portland, Ore., the son of the late Joseph and Marie (Jerkel) Keller. On Dec. 22, 1937 he married Madelyn Merritt in Chicago.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Madelyn; two children, David of Antioch and Wayne of Palatine; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Jay in 1995; two brothers and two sisters.

Services and interment were private. Arrangements were handled by the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

Balthazara Pinero

Age 63 of Indian Creek, passed away Friday, Dec. 3, 2004 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Survivors include her husband,

Angeles Pinero; three children, Maria Ivy (Joselito) Reyes of Indian Creek; Sheila Marie (Mark) Bacalso and Mark Pinero, both living in the Philippines; and two grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral mass was held at 11:30 a.m., Dec. 8 at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church in Indian Creek. Interment was in the Philippines. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 7 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, in Libertyville.

Suzanne E. Mortensen

Age 83 of Libertyville, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Surviving are three children, Beverly (Bill) Flood of Lindenhurst, Gary (Susan) Mortensen of College Station, Tex. and Steven Mortensen of Druce Lake; five grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert in 1968.

Service was held at 4 p.m., Dec. 4 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Visitation was from 2-4 p.m., Dec. 4. Memorial contributions can be made to Condell Hospice, 115 W. Church St., Libertyville, IL 60048 in her memory.

Michael H. Strauss

Age 58 of Libertyville, passed away Friday, Dec. 3, 2004 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Surviving are his wife, Donna (nee Hess) Strauss; three children, Carolyn Strauss of Gurnee, Kenneth (Blanca) Strauss of Spring Grove and Mark Strauss of Libertyville; two grandchildren and a brother. He is preceded in death by his parents, Phillip and Katherine Strauss.

Prayers began at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 7 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and service continued to St. Joseph Church for the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Interment followed at Willow Lawn Memorial Park in Vernon Hills. Visitation was at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 6. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Foundation in his memory.

Charles E. Baldi

Age 52 of Highland Park, passed away suddenly Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004 in Milwaukee, Wis.

Surviving are his sisters, Carol "Sherry" Knox of Wonder Lake and Marilyn (Ron) Barton of Eustis, Fla. He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Jeanne Baldi.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 3 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. A service in the chapel at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville was held at noon, Dec. 4.

Eugene Riley

Age 79 of Phoenix, Ariz. passed away Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004 in Sun City, Ariz.

Eugene was one of four children born to William and Eva Riley in Columbia, Tenn. While stationed at Fort Sheridan Army Base, he met and married Theressie Pankey.

Surviving are six children, Elbert (Pat) Franklin of North Chicago, Henrietta (Sam) Graham of North Chicago, Curtistine (Ron) Forte of Fort Smith, Ark., Gloria (James) Cliff of Decatur, Paula Riley of Phoenix, Ariz., and Gerald Riley of Waukegan; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and a sister and a brother; as well as a host of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by a son, Eugene Riley Jr.; a daughter, Jacqueline Annette Riley; his parents, William and Eva Riley; and a brother.

Funeral Service for Eugene was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 3 with a 10 a.m. viewing at Word of Life Ministries in Beach Park. Funeral Services were handled by Warren Funeral Home of Gurnee. The interment immediately followed at the Warren Cemetery and Mausoleum in Gurnee.

Geraldine O. Stastny

Age 75 of Round Lake Beach, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born in Chicago to Walter and Bernice (Holverson) Beyer. On Jan. 14, 1950 she married William F. Stastny in Chicago.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years; two daughters, Susan Russell of Round Lake, Debra (Alonzo) Boulanger of Antioch; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce Bostick on Dec. 23, 1997; her parents; and her mother-in-law, Anna Stastny in 1997.

Visitation was from 5-8 p.m., Dec. 2 at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home in Round Lake. The Funeral Service was at 8 p.m., Dec. 2 at the funeral home with the Rev. Lisle Kauffman officiating. Interment was at Avon Centre Cemetery in Grayslake. Memorials to the Lupus Foundation of America, 9901 W. Western Ave., Chicago, IL would be appreciated by the family.

Raymond H. Lorenz

Age 70 of Beach Park, formerly of Antioch, passed away Monday, Nov. 29, 2004 at Terrace North Nursing Home in Zion. He was born in Chicago the son of the late Raymond and Gertrude (Brzezinski) Lorenz. Ray was member of St. Peter Church and the Lions Club of Antioch. He retired from Lorenz Smart Country House Restaurant of

Antioch.

Survivors are a son, Shawn Lorenz of Barrington; a daughter, Susan Lorenz of Dallas, Tex., and a brother. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a brother.

Funeral Service was held at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 3 in the chapel of St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles with interment following. There was no visitation. Arrangements were handled by the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

Gilbert Untz

Age 85, of Lake Mills, Wis., passed away in warm peacefulness on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at Fort Atkinson Memorial Hospital. Family and friends had many opportunities for very special moments with him during the past months as together they managed a recent illness. Gilbert was born on Aug. 26, 1919, in West Brooklyn, Ill., the son of John P. and Matilda Alma (Weber) Untz. On Feb. 20, 1941, he married Wilah Elaine Bacon at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Freemont Center, Ill. Wilah preceded him in death in June of 2003. Gilbert was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and The Knights of Columbus Council 6690. Gilbert and his wife moved from Mundelein, and founded their homestead in the town of Lake Mills, Wis. in 1944. In addition to his pride for dairy farming, those who enjoyed the music of his Pyramid City Orchestra will remember Gilbert's love for music. Later in life, Gilbert traveled throughout the United States, in Europe and in the Middle East. Gilbert had a sly wit, warm heart, and practical view of the future. As an investment and commitment to that future, Gilbert and his wife helped provide a new setting for both the Lake Mills Public and the St. Paul Lutheran school children through transition of their homestead property to the schools.

Survivors include eight children, Darlene Ade of Janesville, Wis., Marilyn (Steven) Cossette Baker of Cottage Grove, Minn., Constance Shear of Clinton, Mary Ann (Bruce) Johnson and Charles (Sonja) Untz both of Lake Mills, Wis., Sharon Untz of Milwaukee, Wis., Jane (Richard Zhao) Untz and James (Lynn) Untz, both of Minneapolis, Minn.; 23 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one brother Ralph (Luella) of Prescott Valley, Ariz., five sisters, Margaret Scott of The Woodlands, Tex., Leova Schaefer of Woodstock, Ill., Delphine (Alfred) Diedrich of McHenry, Mercedes (Bernard) Lenzen of Mundelein, Rose (Walter) Panek of Wauconda, and many other relatives and friends. Gilbert is preceded in death by three brothers; Anthony, Joseph, and James.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with Father Robert Hughes officiating. Friends called from 5-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Claussen Funeral Home in Lake Mills and also after 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, at the church until the time of services. Burial was in Rock Lake Cemetery. If desired, memorials may be made to Rainbow Hospice of Jefferson County.

David Roland 'Wolfe' Nystrom

Age 46, passed away Friday, Dec. 3, 2004. He was born the son of Lorraine and Roland "Salty" Nystrom at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan. On Sept. 3, 1988 he married Valerie MacGruder in Waukegan. He was employed for 19 years at the Lake County Sheriff's Dept. and for several years as a sergeant.

He was a loving husband to Valerie; devoted father to Derek and Devin; loving brother to one; dear son-in-law of Robert (Lea) MacGruder; He is also survived by

his special friends, Kenny (Cookie) Bain, Tom Paglusch and Sue Nordmark, the Meadow Court Neighborhood Assn. and many other family and friends.

Visitation was Dec. 9 from 4-9 p.m. at the Marsh Funeral Home of Gurnee in Gurnee Funeral Service was held Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the Marsh Funeral Home of Waukegan in Waukegan. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Zion. IN lieu of flowers, donations to the Derek and Devin Nystrom Fund at the Bank of Waukegan, 1601 N. Lewis Ave., Waukegan, IL 60085 would be appreciated by the family.

Emojean Casey

Age 66, formerly of Waukegan, currently of Saltillo, Miss., passed away Friday, Dec. 3, 2004 at Lake Forest Hospital.

Survivors include her son, Robert J. Casey; her daughter, Robin (Adam) Gorsuch; two grandchildren; brothers and sisters. She was especially close to her niece, Karen (Marie) Russell and a special friend, Bud Casey. Preceded in death by her mother, Opsie Hall; father, William Hall; and her sister.

Visitation was on Dec. 5, from 4-7 p.m. and Dec. 6 from 10-10:30 a.m. at Marsh Funeral Home in Waukegan. Funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 6 at Marsh Funeral Home in Waukegan. Interment was at Warren Cemetery in Gurnee. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Roger Hagi

Age 68 of rural Wisconsin Dells, Wis., died unexpectedly Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004 at the Reedsburg Area Medical Center in Reedsburg, Wis. Funeral Service was held Dec. 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the Picha Funeral Home in Lake Delton, Wis. with Reverend Steven Keller celebrating. Burial was at the Butterfield Cemetery.

Roger was born Aug. 8, 1936 in Libertyville, the son of Elmer and Ethel (LaVere) Hagi. In July of 1956, he married Lillian Mirocko in Waukegan. They lived in the Libertyville area until 1976 and then the family moved to the Dells area. Roger and his wife owned and operated the Auto Care Center on Highway P since 1985. Roger was a true car enthusiast, having a love for cars and restoring them and he enjoyed Nascar stock car racing. Most important was his love for his family and friends.

Roger is survived by his wife, Lillian; sons Daniel (Carol) Hagi of Fox Lake and Charles (Melissa) Hagi of LaVale, Wis.; daughters, Linda (Brian) Beebe and Patricia Hagi both of Wisconsin Dells, Wis. and Margo Gregerson of Lake Delton, Wis.; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and sisters, Marsha Weiland of Grayslake Mary Pat Anzaldo of Lake Zurich and Ruth Konz of Oregon. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was held at the Picha Funeral Home in Lake Delton, Wis. on Dec. 5 from 3-7 p.m. and on Dec. 6 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at 10:30 a.m.

William W. Dubeck

Age 80, a resident of Spring Grove for 42 years, formerly of Chicago, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004 at the Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. He was born on Jan. 2, 1924 in Chicago to John and Anna (nee Bush) Dubeck and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Airforce during WWII, in the South Pacific. He was a member of the Teamsters Union and a former member of the VFW.

Survivors include his son, Harley (Bonnie) Dubeck; his daughters, Virginia (Jerry) Whitson and

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Anna (Barry) Morrison; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; his sister-in-law, Pat Andrewnovitz and by his beloved dog, Molly. He is preceded in death by his wife, a son, William "Billy" Dubeck; and by his brothers, Nicholas and John Andrewnovitz.

Visitation was on Dec. 7 from 5-8 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The chapel on the lake). A 2 p.m. graveside prayer took place at the Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in Libertyville.

Gail Ann Hunt

Age 50, died Nov. 30, 2004. She lived in Grayslake and Gurnee area most of her life.

She is survived by her mother, Elizabeth of Wildwood; her sister, Pamela Reynolds of Gurnee; two brothers, Gregory Hunt of Wildwood and Gary (Cathy) Hunt of Waukegan, plus many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father; and her brother, Kenneth Jr.

Friends greeted the family on Dec. 4 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Memorial Service was held at Marsh Funeral Home in Gurnee with Pastor Dan Weyerhaeuser officiating.

Memorials to Lakeland Evangelical Free Church, 440 N. Hunt Club Rd., Gurnee, IL 60031 would be appreciated by the family.

Larry A. Westin

Age 69 of Lake Villa, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004 at Lake Villa. He was born July 1, 1935. Larry retired from Motorola-Manufacturing and Engineering and was on the Motorola bowling team.

He is survived by his children, Debra A. (Westin) O'Neal, Victoria J. (Westin) Gidney and Robert N. Westin; grandchildren, Harmony Lee O'Neal, Alexandra O'Neal, Samantha Brown, Andre W. Gidney; and his sister, Bonnie Clarkson.

Funeral Service will be held at the Calvary Presbyterian Church on Friday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m., with Rev. Lyle Kauffman officiating. Interment will be at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minn. Friends and family visited at the Marsh Funeral Home, 305 Cemetery Rd., Gurnee on Thursday, Dec. 9 from 5-8 p.m. Memorials or donations may be made to the family.

RECENT DEATHS

Eleanore J. Swleton, 82 of Round Lake Beach, Nov. 23, 2004. Arr: Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home

Burton O. 'Burt' Solberg, 88 of Round Lake. Arr: Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home

Matthew A. Vedder, infant, of Round Lake Beach. Arr: Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home

Carolyn Ann 'Muffy' Steele, 58 of East Peoria. Arr: Deiters Funeral Home, Washington, Ill.

Robert D. Gilly, 84 of Antioch. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Stanley C. Jendras, 78 of Bristol, Wis. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

John J. Fleura, 68, of Ingleside. Arr: K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home, Fox Lake

Ronald W. Tubbs, 66 of Antioch. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Alexis May Kazian, 2 of Libertyville. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville

John A. Kreft, 80 of Lake Villa. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville

Raymond B. Bruhn, 92 of Trevor, Wis. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Irene H. Kedzierski, 90 of Vernon Hills. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville

Christopher M. Mobile, 33 of Libertyville. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville

Guadalupe Guerra, infant, of Mundelein. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville

Florence G. Wehrs, 97 of McHenry. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Albert Edward 'Ed' Wickland, 84 of Libertyville. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville

Alvis M. Kotecki, 80 of Buffalo Grove. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville

Glenn R. Wisland, 48 of Mundelein. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville

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FASTTRACK

New staffers

The United Way of Lake County recently welcomed two new staff members. They are Steve Schapiro, United Way's new Business Development Manager and Jennifer Yonan, UWLC's new vice president of Marketing.

Agent gives back

On Dec. 11, Jay Reid, a Re/Max Showcase Broker-Realtor, will be having a customer appreciation event at the Marcus Gurnee Cinema movie theater at Gurnee Mills. Reid will have about 150 previous clients with family attending. They will be seeing the movie "The Polar Express." Reid's web site is www.agentjay.com.

Opa Estiatorio opens

Zoe Restaurant Group announced the grand opening of Opa Estiatorio in Vernon Hills. Opa features the finest in Mediterranean cuisine and is opened for dinner on Dec. 6. Visit OpaRestaurant.com, where you will find their menu, information about private parties (there's still time to plan your holiday party at Opa), and more.

Re/Max opens new office

Christopher Hoelz and Alan Rosenbaum announced the opening of their new RE/MAX Real Estate office and technology center. The pair said RE/MAX Premier Realty brings to Lake Villa/Lindenhurst a world class real estate office. RE/MAX is known in the industry as a leader, attracting top agents from Lake County and surrounding areas. The new office is equipped with the latest technology, three flat panel plasma screens, advanced voice mail, T1 network and servers, and a professional and comfortable work environment.

RE/MAX Premier Realty is located in the Grand Avenue shops in front of the Lake Villa Library and across the street from the fire station. If you are an agent interested in learning what RE/MAX Premier Realty can do for your career, call today for a confidential appointment. Call 847-265-6000.

United Services by Permeco ranked

Disaster Cleanup International, Inc., North America's leading network of quality, independent property damage restoration contractors, announced that United Services by Permeco of Lake Bluff, has been ranked #433 in Qualified Remodeler magazine's list of the Top 500 largest firms based on revenue.

In addition to United Services by Permeco's ranking by Qualified Remodeler magazine, DKI has been named the remodeling industry's #1 National contracting company based on system-wide revenues for the third year in a row. A total of 18 DKI members were named within the prestigious Top 500 list.

Edward Jones ranks No. 1

For the 12th consecutive year, Edward Jones ranked No. 1 in Registered Representative magazine's annual survey of the nation's seven largest financial-services firms. The magazine randomly selects brokers nationwide and asks them to rank their firms in various categories.

Edward Jones investment representatives gave the firm its highest scores in 17 of the 24 categories in which it was rated. Some of those categories include: ongoing training, client account statements, quality of the products offered, management and the firm's strategic focus.

"This ranking is formed by the opinions of our investment representatives — the people who meet with clients every day," said Douglas E. Hill, Edward Jones managing partner. "That makes it a good measure of how well we are serving our clients, which gives this ranking even greater significance."

The two Grayslake Edward Jones investment representatives, Patrick Udding (847-223-1908) and Catherine Donohoe (847-543-1537), also say that they are particularly proud of the No. 1 ranking because of the number of years Edward Jones has achieved this honor.

Salon provides a 'personal touch'

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

A succession of personal health problems has motivated Linda Lampi to give other women the means to both protect and pamper themselves.

The owner of Personal Touch Salon and Day Spa in Mundelein, Lampi offers a variety of services designed to obliterate stress. She has also designed a spa program to combat arthritis, rheumatism and other afflictions, utilizing heat treatments and sometimes a tub of paraffin to help relieve pain.

Having suffered two strokes and heart surgery two years ago, Lampi said that protecting the health of her customers became an important priority. She hopes to organize a wellness clinic next summer or fall where residents could consult physicians for advice, have their blood pressure taken and learn about other preventive measures they can take to preserve their health.

"It's time that women know that it's OK to take care of yourself, because if you're not here there's no one to take care of your family," Lampi said.

During the summer, Lampi's family works together to take care of their customers. Her daughter, Kathy Fryza, became co-owner in 1997, and granddaughter Kelsey Fryza mans the receptionist desk on her time off from school. "We have our ups and downs, but it's really nice to feel you've built something," Lampi said.

Lampi re-opened the salon and spa earlier this year, and celebrated with an open house on Dec. 5. After starting as a nail salon 15 years ago in Libertyville, her business now offers added body treatments, facials and the services of two hairstylists to serve men, women and children.



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Linda Lampi, co-owner of the Personal Touch Salon and Day Spa, works on the nails of client Maggie Grueskin of Libertyville at the Mundelein facility.

es of two hairstylists to serve men, women and children.

After a yearlong effort, the city of Mundelein altered ordinances to allow Personal Touch to offer massage therapy services. Licensed massage therapist Debbie Brage can locate and break down toxins within the body, Lampi said, and hand and hot-stone massages are available.

The people she meets remain her favorite part of the job, and besides the physical treat-

ments, Lampi's customers usually enjoy a healthy dose of social interaction when they enter the business. "My husband joked with me one day it was just a gossip session, and I said, 'What else did you think I did for a living?'" she said, laughing.

Located at 856 N. Route 60 / 83 in the Ivanhoe Shoppes, Personal Touch Salon and Day Spa may be contacted at 847-281-8500.

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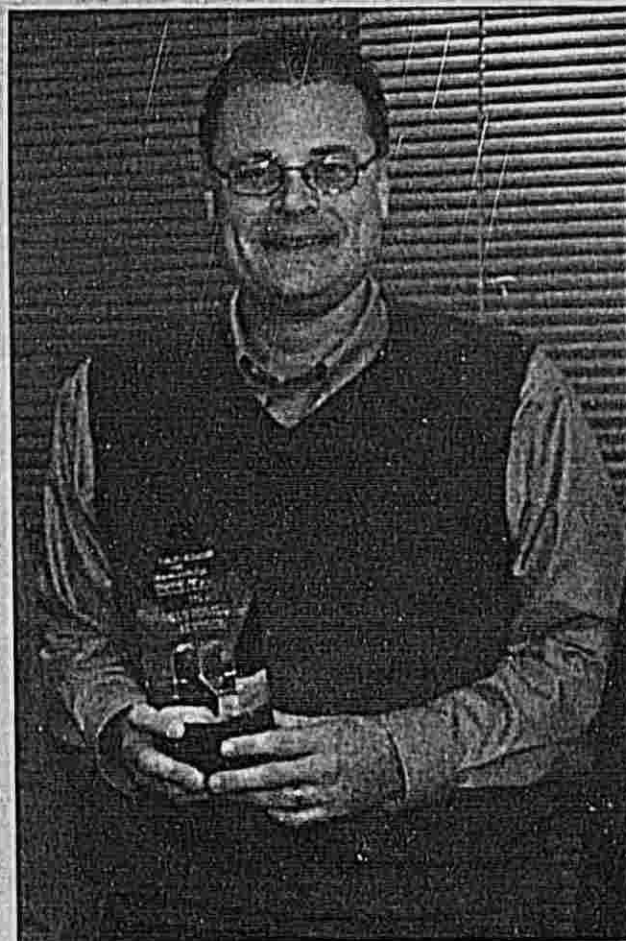
Manager first to earn Exelon's highest award

Lindenhurst resident Bill Fuhler, an engineering and design manager for ComEd in Chicago, received the EED Excellence in Customer Service Award, the highest honor an employee can receive within Exelon Energy Delivery. EED, a subsidiary of Exelon Corporation, employs about 12,000 people who work for Chicago-based ComEd and Philadelphia-based PECO Energy.

Fuhler is the first employee to receive this prestigious new award. He was recognized for his methodical and pro-active approach to solving a commercial customer's problem. The customer serves the high-tech industry and its operations may be greatly affected by the slightest power interruption. Fuhler's work led to a solution that substantially reduced the scope of the initial project, and more importantly, eliminated unnecessary electric reliability risks to the customer.

The EED Excellence in Customer Service Award is a rewards and recognition program that honors workers who demonstrate a strong sense of duty to serve customers. Four other EED employees are receiving the award this year.

"A high-performing organization is fueled by the energy of its highest performers," said EED President John L. (Jack) Skolds. "In every department around ComEd and PECO there are individuals who rise above the call of duty to serve their customers. Bill is one of those people. In our business, it is increasingly important that we recognize employees who understand that success depends on continued focus on our number one asset — our customers. Recognizing this commitment is the basis for the EED Excellence in Customer Service Awards program."



Bill Fuhler

Service Awards program."

The EED Excellence in Customer Service Awards will be given every quarter by the president of EED, conveying top-level recognition to employees who demonstrate a strong focus on customers. Winners receive a personalized trophy and a cash award ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Local health club changes name

American Muscle and Fitness Center has changed its name to American Fitness Center. "The name more accurately reflects what the center is about, as we have discovered that American Muscle left people with the impression of hot rods, or of a sweaty gym with oversized guys. 'We are a clean, friendly fitness center with a neighborhood charm and we want the name to reflect that,'" said Elaine Johnson, president and general manager.

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NEW BUSINESSES

Assumed business names

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SAG Enterprises/Pizza Italia, 277 Evergreen Dr., Vernon Hills, 847-816-6161. Owner: Allen Glandonato. Purpose: Restaurant Carry Out Pizza

For Keeps, 302 Blossom, Apt. 102, Lakemoor, 815-363-0346. Owner: Colleen A. Lennon. Purpose: Handmade Jewelry-Wholesale Distributor

Paris Nail Spa, 3070 W. Route 60, Suite AB, Mundelein. Owner: Bachile Huynh. Purpose: Nail Salon

VHS4DVD, 1005 Grant Pl., Wauconda, 847-526-5691. Owner: Dawn, Kevin Kent. Purpose: DVD Products and Services

3-D Dental Service, 48 S. Old Rand Rd., Lake Zurich, 847-438-6485. Owner: Dan Dohnalek. Purpose: Dentistry

K-Max Construction, 804 Safford Ave., Lake Bluff, 847-283-0216. Owner: Ryszard Keska. Purpose: Home Repair

Just-In-Time Motor Service, 37 Riverview Ave., Fox Lake, 847-973-1816. Owners: Theresa G., Daniel A. Wilkins. Purpose: Transport property owned by others for compensation

Changing Seasons Heating and Air Conditioning, 720 White Birch Ln., Lake Zurich, 847-726-6907. Owners: Chris Dempsey, Beata Dempsey. Purpose: HVAC Services

Fabulous Finishes, 33601 Royal Oak, Wildwood, 847-543-1847. Owner: Leslie Cicero. Purpose: Decorative Painting

Circulaire Heating and Cooling, 2503 Highland Dr., Lindenhurst, 847-702-7000. Owners: Tomasz B. Malyszko, Robert M. Petit. Purpose: HVAC Installation and Service

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Your source for screenings, physicals, mammograms (except Vernon Hills location) and occupational health services. To learn more, call any Condell Acute Care Center or visit our Web site at www.condell.org/acute/.

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Health Department Offers Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening

Free breast and cervical cancer screenings are offered to eligible Lake County women through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP), located at the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center. Through the program, women can receive, at no cost to them, a complete medical examination, a clinical breast exam and a pap test, as well as referral for a free mammogram at a local hospital. Ongoing yearly exams and medical follow-up are provided. Women 35 years of age or older, who are underinsured or uninsured, and whose family income does not exceed 200% of federal poverty guidelines are eligible for this free program. Examinations are done at the clinics of the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center, also through private providers, and are by appointment. To find out if you are eligible, please call the Health Department at 847-377-8430.

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Defining Autistic Spectrum Disorders: Neurological facts behind the label

This lecture will focus on the latest neurological information on autism. Dr. Chez will discuss diagnosis, neuroimaging, genetics, epilepsy and treatment of autistic spectrum disorders. He will also emphasize information from the journal edition of "Seminars in Pediatric Neurology", which he edited. Wed., Jan. 19 from 7-9 p.m. Call 847-535-6112 to register.

Biofeedback and Stress Management

Linda Hines, PhD, and Jerry Lidsky, MS, ATR, CGP, will discuss how biofeedback works, what tools are used, and how success is measured with physical response and new behavior. The goal is to improve an individual's ability to gain personal control over her life and body in various situations. Fee is \$10 on Monday, Jan. 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Center for Women's Health at Lake Forest. For more information, call 847-535-8500.



PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

Hi Dr. Singer,

Our son likes to take things away from other kids. He takes other people's things without asking. It's not like stealing, but it is taking. He is also very bratty about sharing with others. He is very grabby and bossy with other kids. We are concerned that he has no concept of how to give and I'm afraid we are to blame. We have spoiled him way too much and now he is just acting terrible. We want him to learn about giving and sharing. Is it too late at 8 years old or can we still help him to learn those concepts? RB. Hi FB.

First, stop blaming yourselves for this. It does nothing good for you or him. It's easy to fall in love with a child and do something that you look back on as being the wrong thing. We're all human. We all do it. Second, it is not too late at all and I have some wonderful suggestions for you.

You need to teach him about the thrill of

giving. He needs to learn how to look for the goodness he gets back in response. When you teach him to give, it must not be done in a punishing way. We want him to get a good association with giving. While we don't want there to be punishment to teach him to give, we do need to have some sort of contrived situation to make him feel that he has to be involved in giving and sharing. Like it's not a choice. So, for example, you might tell him that if he wants to keep his privileges, allowance (if he gets one), creature comforts, etc., he must do a set minimum of giving. Giving he could do-donate a certain amount of allowance on a monthly basis to a charity of his choice. Can be animal or people charity. Twice a month, he needs to donate his time to someplace that needs help be it an animal shelter or an old age home, etc. Obviously, an adult will need to be with him to supervise. Give him the responsibility of leading other kids to do odd jobs to make money to donate somewhere. By doing these things, you are giving his controlling tendencies a great positive arena. While he is doing this, make sure to point out to him the looks on people's faces and the gratitude the gets. That in itself can be something terrific. Shower him in love, encouragement, praise and pride as he does these things. Make a special award for him or take

him out somewhere special as he does these things. You are teaching him to do something that he is not used to doing, so you must encourage what you want to continue seeing. That includes when you see him share with someone else.

At the same time, the other negative behavior must be met with appropriate but firm consequences. If one behavior consistently gets him glory and the other gets him consistently grounded, he will pick the correct one.

Make sure that you are being a good role model. Show him your donations from the past and present.

One other thing-if the behavior progresses to stealing, you need to get some professional help for him. If you need it, I would be glad to meet with you or it can be someone else. Whoever you feel comfortable with, but the point is, don't wait if it progresses because it could be a sign of emotional stress of some sort.

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Finally, an explanation for your teenager's bad behavior

Ever wonder why you can have a pleasant conversation with your teenager one minute, and the next, they are screaming at you and slamming doors for no apparent reason? New research reveals it's not your son or daughter's fault, but the work of their quickly developing brain.

A study recently conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) reveals something no one knew before—patterns of brain development don't end in early childhood, they actually extend into the teenage years. One of the doctors involved in the study explained its significance during a recent episode of "Keeping Kids Healthy," the Emmy-nominated weekly children's health television show examining real-life issues facing kids, teens and their parents.

"Before MRI came along, changes in teen brains were thought to occur at almost glacial speed," said Dr. Jay Giedd, a child and adolescent psychiatrist with the NIMH. "We thought there was less than a 10 percent change from 5 to 20 years of age. When we were able to follow individual children by watching them develop, we were amazed at how dynamic and how bustling with activity the teen brain really is."

Dr. Giedd and his fellow researchers followed 145 children through adolescence, scanning their brains every two years as they grew up. When they compared the images, they discovered less activity and development in the frontal lobes of teens than in adults. The frontal lobe is the area of the brain used for reasoning.

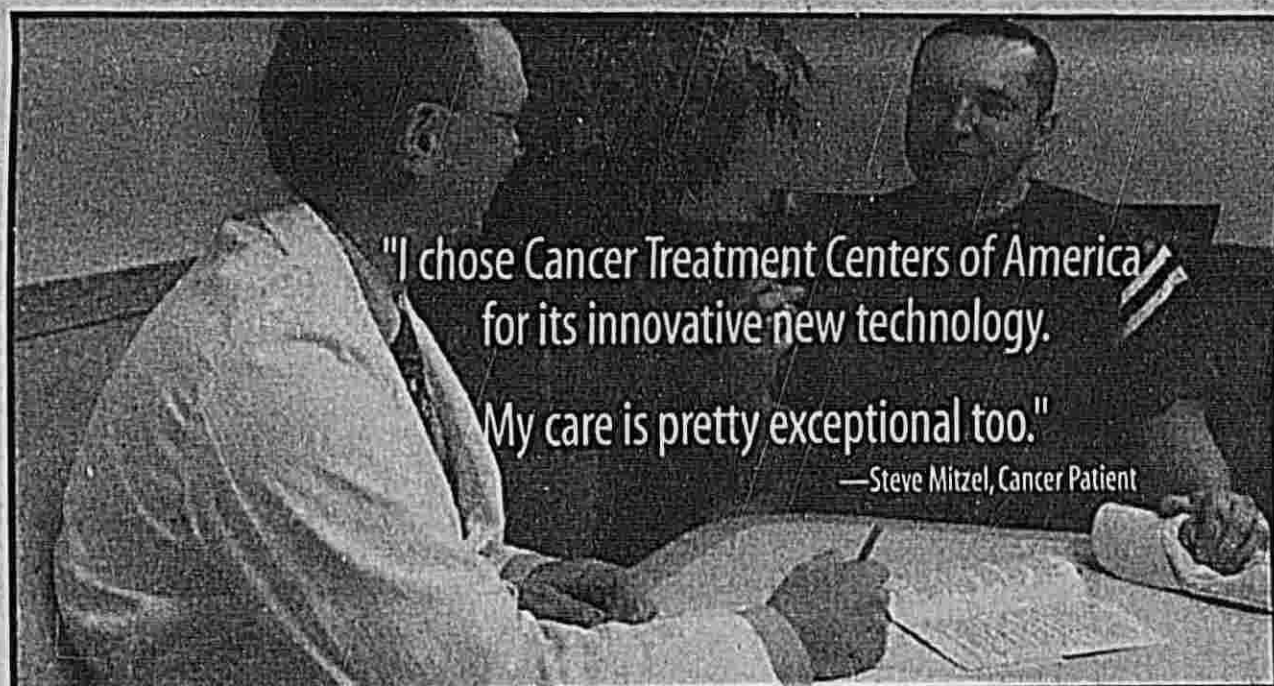
Dr. Giedd points out that in teenagers, the areas of the brain that control "gut" reactions are more developed than the areas for reasoning, which explains why teenagers tend to act without thinking things through.

"Bottom line is what characterizes the teen years are the extremes. They can be your lovable child one minute, like an adult the next, or anywhere in between, but don't hold that against them," says Dr. Giedd. "Parents need to expect some bumps in the road, but along with the challenges and bumps are great times." So be understanding and supportive of your teen as they make the transition to adulthood.

Produced by Montefiore Medical Center in association with Thirteen/WNET New York, "Keeping Kids Healthy" is a groundbreaking weekly children's health television show that examines real-life issues that kids, teens and parents face. This Parents' Choice Foundation Award-winning show brings parents and children who are living with a par-

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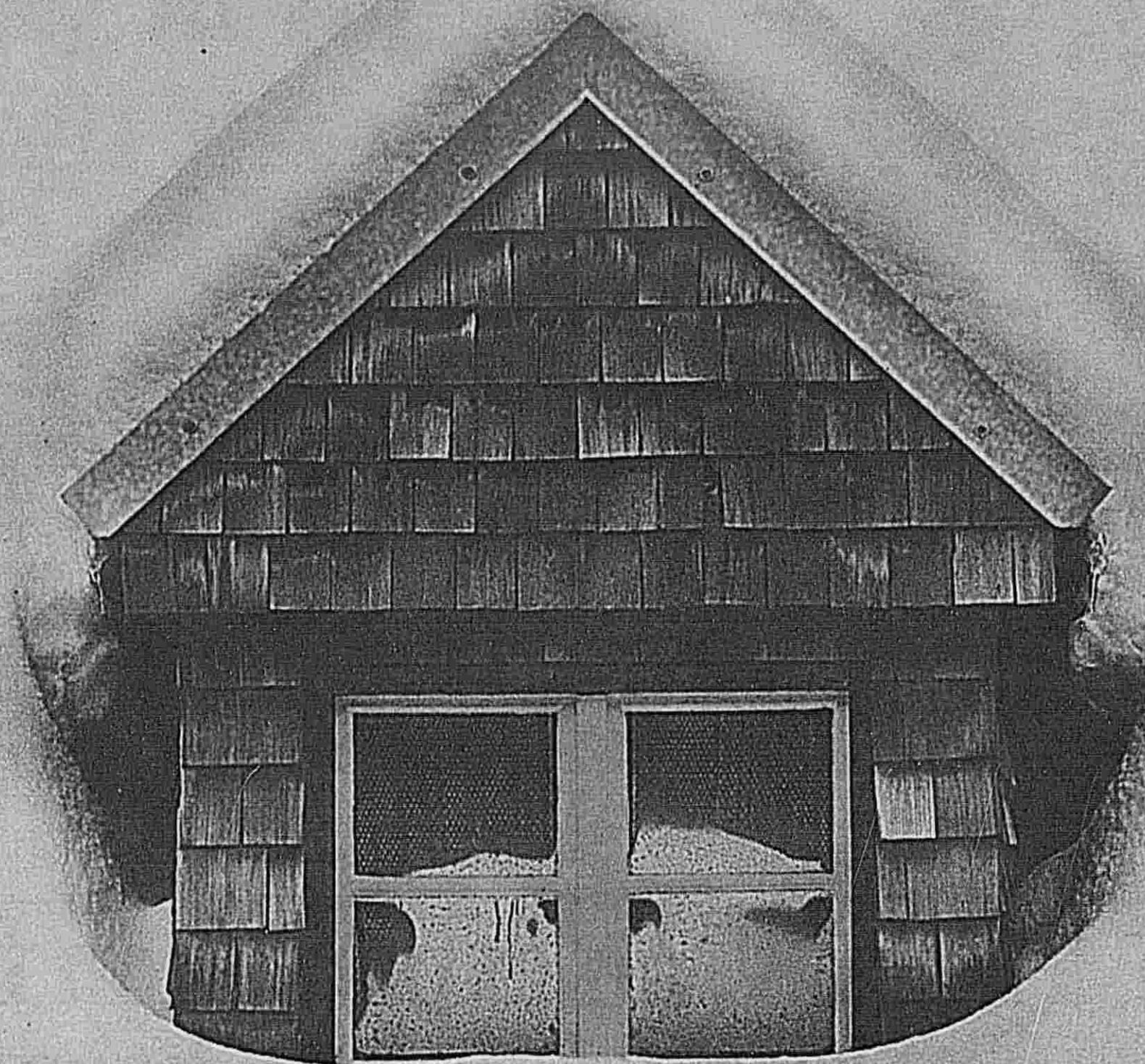
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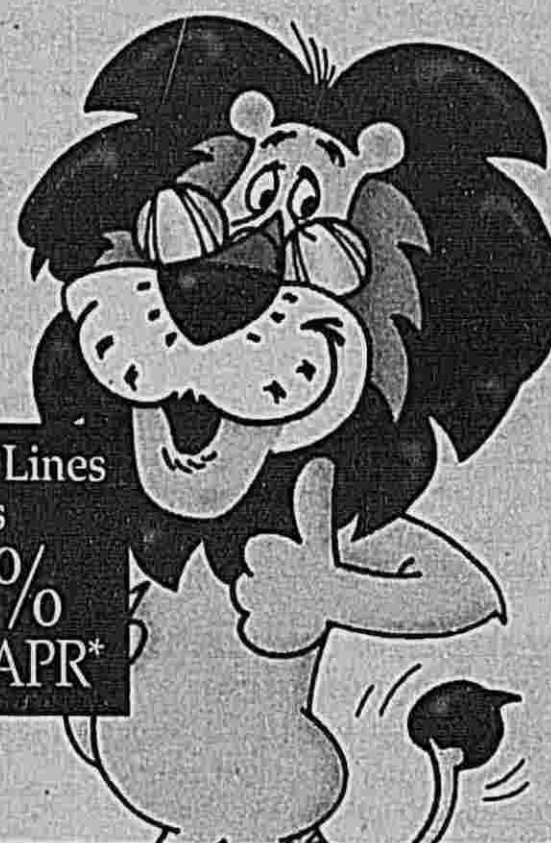
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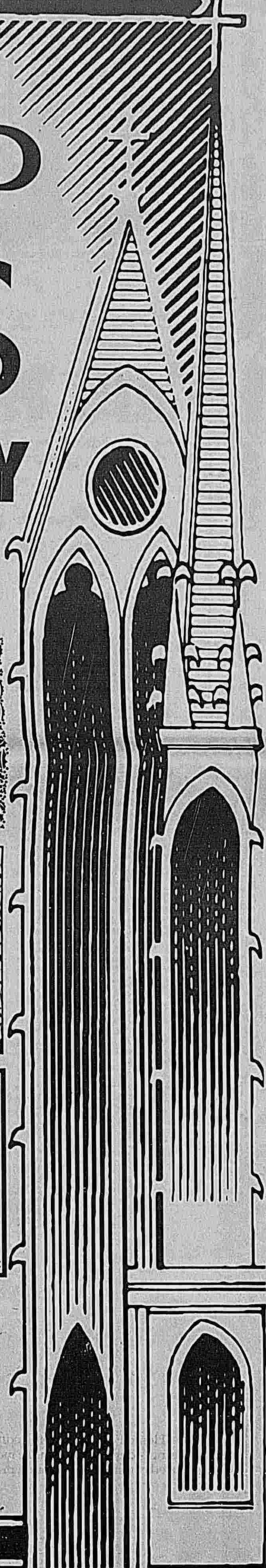


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3:00 & 5:00 pm
Christmas Family English Masses and Carols
10:00 pm-Christmas English Mass and Carols
Saturday, December 25
12:30 am-Christmas Polish Mass and Carols
7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am
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1:30 pm-Polish Mass
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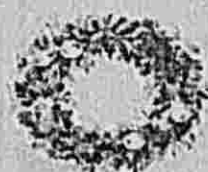
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**225 Midway Drive
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Home details

Year built: BR2: 10X10
Before 1978 KIT: 13X13
LR: 16X15 BR3: 10X9
MB: 15X10 Rooms: 5
DR: Combo Baths: 1

2003 taxes: \$3,949

For more information on this home, visit www.realtor.com or call Remax Advantage Realty at 847-395-3000.



**2414 Bonnie Brook Lane
Waukegan
\$429,000**

This is a spectacular custom-built, three-bedroom, four-bath home with spectacular architecture with 2X6 plaster walls throughout. There are mature trees throughout the property that can be seen through the numerous windows. The home boasts two fireplaces and hardwood floors. The roof is one year old with a lifetime warranty. There are two brick driveways with a brick walkway and too many extras to list.

Home details

LR: 18X12 FR: 19X17
MB: 25X12 UTL: 8X8
DR: 19X11 SUN: 18
BR2: 15X10 FOY: 9X8
KIT: 16X6 Rooms: 9
BR3: 8X8 Baths: 4

2003 taxes: \$7,200

For more information on this home, visit www.realtor.com or call Baird & Warner Residential at 312-738-7600.



**26455 Springwell
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\$595,000**

This executive estate sits on one manicured acre and is surrounded by four acres of woods. The quality abounds with Pella windows throughout. There is custom cabinetry, crown molding and six-panel doors. The family room boasts a brick fireplace with a stove insert. The kitchen is covered in oak wood with an island and eating area. There is also a master suite and a possible in-law suite.

Home details

Year built: 1991 OFC: 20X13
LR: 25X14 EXC: 16X16
MB: 24X19 REC: 26X15
DR: 17X12 SIT: 13X12
BR2: 13X11 WRK: 32X10
KIT: 24X16 Rooms: 12
BR3: 13X10 Baths: 3
FR: 29X15

2003 taxes: \$8,674

For more information on this home, visit www.realtor.com or call Madelyn Anderson at 847-851-8349.

Furniture shopping on a limited budget

The finishing touch to home-improvement projects is adding furniture. You may have the most intricately painted room on the street, but your look won't be complete without adding furniture to finish off the space. However, after the endless trips you made to the local home-supply center to complete your project, do you have any money left to furnish the space? Most people answer, "no."

But don't despair. You don't need a designer's wallet to score beautiful furniture. All you need is a little ingenuity and some time to search for bargains. If you're handy, that is an added bonus, and it will make narrowing your choices even easier. Here are some frugal ways to decorate on a budget:

• **Outlet and Clearance Bargains** — Head to your neighborhood warehouse store for well-priced items that are within reach for those with tight budgets. Or check out department store clearance centers, where discontinued or outdated furniture is reduced.

• **Model Home Mania** — If there is a surge of home building happening in your area, check with the developer's sales office to see if they will be selling the furnishings when the models are closed to the public. Keep in mind that some items may be faded or worn due to the number of people visiting the homes.

• **Consignment Shops** — These stores as well as thrift stores often have wonderful treasures, if you have the time to sort through their inventory. Remember, since items move in and out of these stores frequently, be ready to make quick purchases if you fall in love with something.

• **Scour the Neighborhood** — Many people make it a hobby of searching for furnishings in their neighborhood on garbage pick-up day. As they say, "One man's junk is another man's treasure." Don't forget yard sales or moving sales for other low-price sources of furnishings.

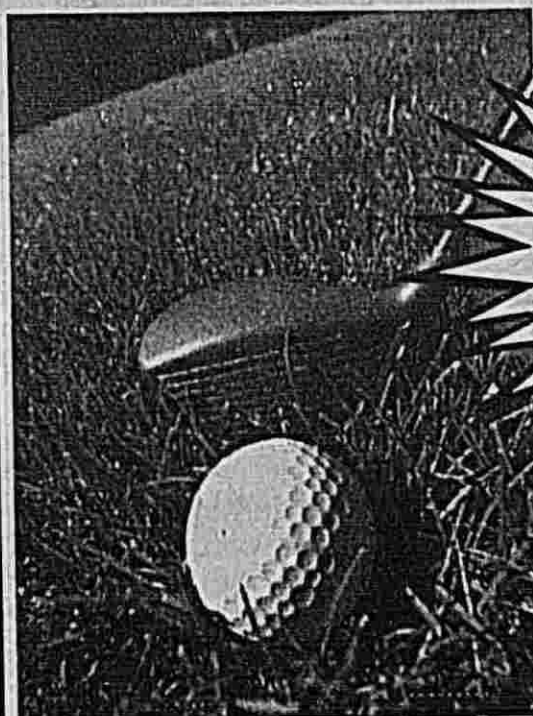
• **Slightly Irregular Department** — Some furniture stores have areas where they keep furniture that has slight imperfections such as scratches or dents. If you can live with the blemishes, you may be able to haggle a reasonable price on normally expensive finds.

• **Consult Friends and Family** — Have you had your eye on Aunt Jane's chaise lounge or think that your best friend's armoire would look beautiful in your bedroom? Don't be afraid to ask loved ones if they have furniture they can part with. Some may have wonderful pieces hiding out in basements or attics, just waiting to be discovered.

• **Revamp Your Furnishings** — If you're unhappy with the budget-friendly finds out there, consider reupholstering or improving your current furniture. A new slipcover, coat of paint or swatch of fabric can do wonders to tired furnishings.

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Remembering Pearl Harbor

Lake County veterans recall first-hand experiences of a day that still lives in infamy, 63 years later

By PAUL ENGSTROM
Great Lakes Bulletin Staff Reporter

HOWARD ADAMS, 84, OF BEACH PARK

Was 19-year-old Seaman 1st Class aboard USS West Virginia

"After battle stations had ended we were told to get off the ship. A pharmacist mate by the name of Andrew Leade took my by the hand and we went to treat casualties on the main deck. So, we had all these men to take care of.



Sailors were lined up against the bulkhead, frozen with fear, their faces were chalk white. To get them going Andy and I told them to put the patients on stretchers and take them to a whale boat up forward. You could step off the ship into a launch or whale boat, that's how low in the water we were. We were on the bottom. It is such a clear picture even now.

"I remember a black man — a steward — a big guy, helping out. He was wetting down towels for us in the circular scuttlebutt and tossing them to us when we needed them. Men were coming up from below decks with broken bones, some covered in oil. We found that if we placed a blanket on the oily steps they could walk up without slipping. What a remarkable accident that was.

"After we evacuated all we could we walked into the galley where I used to work peeling spuds, and found a 2,000-pound bomb had gone through the galley and smashed clear down into the handling rooms. We were lucky that it didn't explode or I might not be here to talk with you today."

JAY KOUGH, 83, OF WAUKEGAN

Was Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class aboard USS California

"I was taking a shower getting ready to relieve the watch. I heard the battle alarm and looked out the porthole and this Jap bomber was flying right outside and then all hell broke loose.



"I put on a T-shirt and a pair of tropical white shorts and then went to my battle station on the second deck on the portside. As a pharmacist I began to tend to the wounded. The California took two bombs and two torpedoes and sunk in the mud. Well, I can say this, that in all the time I was up there I never saw one case of cowardice. (Pauses to gather himself.) I do have a tendency to choke up on this because it's hard for me. But, the men came by and I treated them.

"Around 11 a.m., they gave the order to abandon ship so we went ashore and began to treat the men on the beach. Of course, by this time all the Japs had left so we were doing the best we could to keep our minds together and just do the job we were trained to do.

"At my battle station I probably treated 20 to 30 guys all the way from shrapnel wounds to chest wounds — a little bit of everything. I was surprised by the attack although I thought we were going to be attacked by some nation, probably Japan, I didn't think it would be a sneak attack. I thought it would be an overt act of war, but it wasn't."

BOB BARCHENGER, 83, OF WAUKEGAN

President, Chapter One, Pearl Harbor Survivor Association

"I was in the flag office waiting to go ashore. About five minutes to eight I heard explosions and ran to the window and saw Japanese dive bombers carrying out their raid and I knew we were going to war with Japan. I immediately reported to the OOD because I didn't have a battle station. He sent me up to the machine guns on the bridge and I saw the whole thing happening. All the planes had to come down our bow. The torpedo planes were targeting all the battleships. The Helena, which was across the dock, took a bomb and a torpedo and the Oglala were both sunk. The Oglala rolled over right across the dock from us.



"The Argonne was not hit. We waited for five to 10 minutes while the gunner got the keys to unlock the ammo and then we started firing. I didn't pull the trigger but helped to load the ammunition.

"I was scared. We could see the fellas floating around trying to swim out of the oil slicks and fire. The 1010 dock where we were docked became a triage area for the wounded. The poor guys pulled from the water, all burned. But we didn't have time to worry about it because we were busy firing back trying to knock some of the planes down. It was an experience I'll remember forever.

JOHN TERRELL, 84, OF LAKE FOREST

Was ship's company aboard destroyer/mine sweeper USS Perry

"I was in my bunk. I had stood an 8-12 watch the night before and was allowed some extra sack time on a Sunday morning. I was reading a comic book in my skivvies when the hubbub started. I was on the third deck of the barracks when I heard some shouting. Out of curiosity I got out of bed and went to the window to see what was going on over on Ford Island. I could see torpedo bombers coming right overhead the Navy receiving station 40 to 50 feet over the top of the building making their run on battleship row. It dawned on me it was the Japs and soon it became a reality.



"The master at arms came up and cleared everyone out of the building. We assembled across the street in the athletic field. I was one of 25 or so shoved onto trucks to help fight fires on the USS Pennsylvania that was in dry dock. Well, the Pennsylvania suffered a bomb hit that severed its shore electrical cables so she had no power to run the pumps. So instead of fighting fires we pass ammo up from the magazine by hand.

"After the Japs had left I realized that I was scheduled to stand a 12-4 watch to finish out my weekend duty. I got a hold of the chief and was told to patrol the fuel farm where I spent the next 26 and a half hours before being relieved. That same night some of Lexington's planes came in to land at Ford Island and everything in the harbor opened up on them thinking it was the second wave of the attack. Two or three of the planes were shot down.

FRANCIS GINGRAS, 81, OF GURNEE

18-year-old 2nd Class seaman aboard the USS Helena

"My gun station was positioned so I could look down battleship row. The California was right over here and the Oklahoma was turned over right over there and the destroyer Shaw blew up over here and the Arizona blew up down there. "I was in my living compartment getting ready to go paint the anchor because I was a side cleaner. They passed the word 'All hands man your battle stations, Japanese planes are attacking Ford Island.' Well, I had been trained well and I went up to the second deck and a torpedo hit. I went flying. The blast threw me against the bulkhead. Sometime later a 1st class petty officer was slapping me in the face asking me if I was hurt. I told him no, I was just knocked out. So he tells me to get the cover off the gun.



"My gun faced the harbor itself so I watched as the Oklahoma turned over, the Arizona and the Shaw blow up. There was fire all over battleship row.

"The man I was talking to when the word was passed was named Love. I never knew what happened to him, but I learned he had been hurt. You see on the Helena we had 36 killed and over 100 hurt. We had four close bomb misses plus the torpedo.

"It was just several years ago I bought a book here in Gurnee that listed all the people killed at Pearl Harbor and he was one of them. I used to ask people about him but nobody knew what happened to him. 'People just went to the hospital and never came back.'"

JOHN HAFEEY, 83, OF WAUKEGAN

Was a Fireman 1st Class aboard USS Phoenix

"I was in the evaporator room where we made fresh water out of saltwater. In port we were secured because we got our water from the pier. Even during GQ my battle station was secured. So, this happened to be Sunday morning and I was sleeping in when I heard all this noise, 'man your battle stations' and everything. I shut off the PA system so I could sleep!



"Right outside the evaporator room was my bunk. So when I came back from liberty at midnight, I tucked my mattress into the evaporator room and stepped inside and dogged the hatch. Finally, with all this commotion going on the hatch opens and the light goes on and the chief steps in and says, 'They're here!' And I say, 'Who's here?' 'The Japs,' he says.

"Well, like I said, my battle station was secured so I thought I'd go up topside to see what was going on. I finally make it up from the

first platform deck, through all the hatches and scuttles, and I reach the main deck on the portside and I come up through the scuttle and right there was number eight, five-inch, 25 open-mount, antiaircraft battery and that thing went off two times and threw me into the bulkhead. I said 'This is no place for me,' so I made a turn around the fantail and looked over at battleship row and I got the hell down below.

"In a short time we got underway and battleship row was really on fire, that was on the east side of Ford Island. We were going to go around the west side but the Utah had capsized and blocked the way. See, the Enterprise was supposed to be where the Utah was that morning and the Japs, maybe thinking it was the carrier, really knocked the hell out of the Utah. So, we went back to our buoy and picked up the anchor chain and then we went out beside battleship row."

RALPH H. LAEDTKE, 84, OF GRAYSLAKE

Was a 21-year-old Pharmacist's Mate aboard the USS Solace

"I was in the crew's washroom, it was right around five minutes to eight, when I heard a thumping sound. I thought it was coming from the other side of the metal bulkhead where the chow line was located. Actually, it was antiaircraft fire from destroyers moored on the portside of our ship shooting at Jap planes. Then the 'all hands to general quarters' sounded and I ran to my duty station which was in medical records on the portside on the promenade deck.

"On the way up there I saw planes swooping down on battleship row. Bombs were bursting, fire and smoke everywhere. The Solace was painted white with a red cross on the stack and a green band around the ship. We were painted in accordance with the Geneva Convention. But we didn't know if our ship would be targeted. I prayed like the devil that we would be spared.



"Immediately our launches went out and started to pick up casualties. We had 150 patients aboard waiting for elective surgery and when the attack began and everyone wanted to get back to their ship. So we went to the wards and gathered up the medical records and typed them up throughout the morning and we sent everyone back to their commands to fight the war.

"Patients were streaming aboard all morning and most of the day. The Navy had just authorized a change of uniform to white shorts

so there was a lot of skin exposed and many suffered burns to major areas of the body.

"We set up dressing stations all over the ship. As soon as a patient got over his shock he was treated and sent back to his ship — if he was ambulatory. Otherwise that were admitted to our sick list.

"In the afternoon I was sent down to the ship's morgue to process 26 bodies that were retrieved and badly burned. One of my duties was to prepare the death certificate. This required getting a fingerprint. Rigor mortis had set in and when I straighten a finger in an attempt to obtain a print the flesh came off. I was unable to fingerprint any of the 26 bodies and we had to list them all on one certificate as unidentifiable.

What a sick feeling it was. I was heartsick all day. But we had a job to do and we put it aside and got to work."


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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

CARMEL

In a meet that was more about depth than individual success, Carmel was able to come out on top in the 20-team Rolling Meadows Invite. It was the first time since 1992 that the Corsairs won the invite.



BRIAN CENTELLA

GRAYSLAKE

One game after pouring in 26 points in a win over Crystal Lake South, Grayslake's Brian Centella came right back and tallied a game-high 25 points in a win over Wheeling on Tuesday.

GAME OF THE WEEK



WRESTLING

Mundelein (0-1) and Libertyville (4-1) should be two of the stronger wrestling squads in the NSC Lake this season. The Mustangs will host the Wildcats Friday night at 6 p.m.

SUPER 17

Lakeland Newspapers Sports Editor
Rob Backus's rankings of area high school teams

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BOYS

School ties

Local athletes adjusting well to college game

By Rob Backus and Matt Pera
Sports Reporters

It was shaping up to be just another regular game for Augustana junior quarterback Matt Roe.

On his first 34 carries of the game in the season finale against Wheaton College, Roe gained just 146 yards. In fact, 14 of those carries were for 2 yards or less.

However, he was just getting started. On his final 10 carries of the game, Roe gained 196 yards to finish with 342 yards on 44 carries. It turned into one heck of a game for the Carmel graduate, as he set the NCAA record for rushing yards by a quarterback, breaking the old record of 323 set by Shawn Graves of Div. II Wofford in 1990.

Not bad for a guy who's just 5-8 and weighs 185 pounds soaking wet.

"Our offense here is set up to take what the defense gives you," Roe said. "Wheaton made an effort to take away our full-back and our pitch game so there was no one left on me. It could have gone the other way. It was a neat accomplishment, but it was more of a case of the rest of the offense doing their jobs."

But according to Augustana coach Jim Barnes, that offense would probably not even exist at the Rock Island school if it wasn't for Roe.

"We've always kept an eye on Carmel's program, and we knew he was one of the premier running quarterbacks in the state," Barnes said. "But we weren't prepared for him. He's an excellent option QB, but it was such a small percentage of our offense."

"We had to get ready for him, so we made the triple option a part of our attack. We've grown with him as a staff and as a program."

With Roe at the helm of the offense, the Vikings ranked in the top-5 of NCAA Div. III rushing statistics all season long, finishing with 3,516 rushing yards in 10 games, scoring 318 points. Roe ended up with a team-high 786 yards on 164 carries and 13 scores. He also added 589 yards passing with six touchdowns and five picks.

"He started with a bang and led us to great wins throughout the year," said Barnes, whose team finished 7-3 overall and 5-2 in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin. "He leads us in so many ways. He's the hub of everything we do on offense."

Roe is relishing the attention. "It's a great feeling," he said. "Everyone's looking at you to be the guy. But as the quarterback you always need the mentality that you're the guy that makes the offense go."

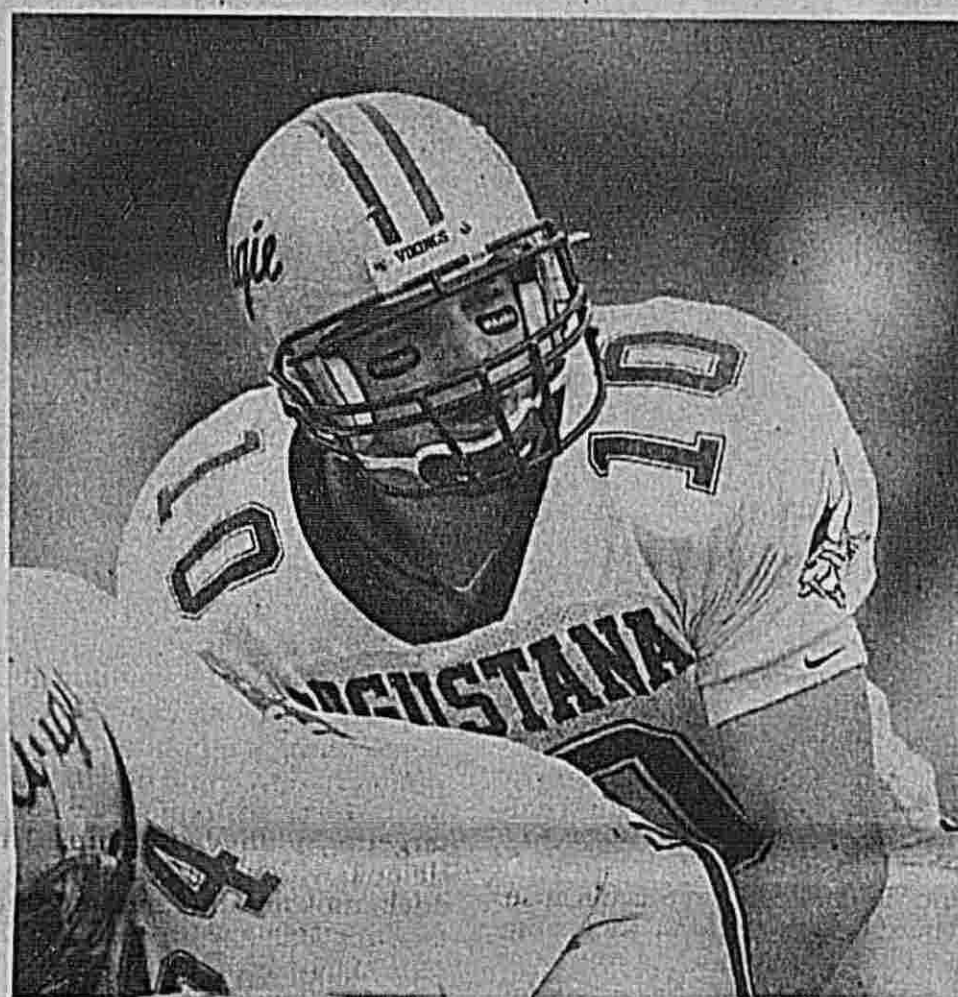


Photo courtesy of Augustana College

Carmel grad and Augustana College junior Matt Roe goes under center in a game against Elmhurst College in the fall. Roe set an NCAA record for rushing yards by a quarterback in the season finale against Wheaton.

He's not even worried about the extra attention he's sure to receive from opposing defenses next season.

"I'm ready to have the target on my back," Roe said. "That's the way it was at Carmel."

Instead, Roe is turning his attention to winning a national championship, something he feels is within the team's grasp.

"The reason I came to Augustana was to win a national championship," Roe said. "And I definitely think we have the guys coming back on offense to do it."

While Roe is flourishing at the collegiate level, Valparaiso University freshman Kayla Ming is working on establishing herself in the college ranks.

Last season, Ming was a starting forward on the Grayslake girls basketball team that made it all the way to the IHSA Elite Eight, ending her career as the leading scorer in school history.

This year, she said she is adjusting to paying her dues on the Crusaders' bench.

"There are really good players here," Ming said. "The upperclassman are great players and great role models. It's just the transition of learning the pace and the systems (Valpo head coach Keith) Freeman has."

Along with learning a NCAA Div. I offense, Ming has also had to move from the forward position to the shooting guard role.

At five-feet, seven-inches tall, Freeman said Ming was better suited for the backcourt at VU.

"She's trying to learn our system and trying to change positions, which are two things that are difficult to do at once," he said. "She can't play forward at her size so she's working on her ball handling and working on knowing what we're doing on offense and knowing what we're doing on defense."

So far this season, Ming has averaged 2.7 points and 3.3 rebounds in 8.7 minutes per game for the Crusaders (2-4).

Her best showing of the season so far came Nov. 28 in a 67-51 win over St. Xavier. In that game she tallied six points, seven rebounds, two assists and a steal in 18 minutes of work.

"Any time I'm in I try to take advantage of it and make sure that I'm doing what supposed to be doing," Ming said.

Freeman said Ming is beginning to elevate her game.

"She works hard and she's adapting to college basketball," he said. "I saw her play half a dozen times in high school over two years. She's a competitor. That was a big thing I saw."

And as the season progresses, Ming said she hopes to continue to earn more and more minutes.

"If there's a game I don't play in there's a reason why and you have to listen to what the coaches are saying in practice," she said. "They're always talking about how they want to be able to look down the bench and know players can do just as good a job as the girls on the floor."

ON THE SIDELINES



Steve Peterson • Sports Reporter

A fond farewell

While there were chuckles over the big hairdos (even by George Ron Krapf's standards), memories flowed like a well-executed fast break as Warren High paid tribute to someone who had been part of its scene for nearly 30 years.

"Ron's memory will last forever. He is one of the most special people I have ever met in my life. He cared for everyone. Not too many people will do what he did for nothing," said WTHS Athletic Director Mark Pos.

Jason Lenzi, who played on the 1986-87 team, said that Krapf had a special relationship with all WTHS players, whether star or reserve.

"He thought an awful lot about all the people at WTHS, from the superintendent to the school board and all the kids. It was like another family to him," said Len Krapf, Ron's brother.

"It was a very touching ceremony," said WTHS coach Chuck Ramsey.

George Ron Krapf grew up in Waukegan, graduating from Waukegan High. He took the WTHS statistics job while he worked for Abbott Labs. He held that position for 29 years, working with several colleagues and touching the lives of thousands of students. He lost his battle with cancer in October.

Former Coach Darrel Bader, who "set the trap" for Krapf's interest in basketball, explained how that Krapf was not in initial team photos of his first couple of teams. "We did not have the professional photographer back then, so the team picture was taken from the yearbook," Bader said.

Assistant coach Rick Pearce addressed the crowd about Krapf after Len and Rich, Krapf's brothers, received a standing ovation.

"No one ever took a season-ending loss harder than Ron did, but he would cry with the seniors, then be able to make them laugh."

He loved it when former players would come back at Thanksgiving or Christmas and give him a big hug," Pearce said.

He paraphrased George Halas by saying, "In memory of Ron Krapf, you will never see someone like him again."

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ANTIOCH

"A win seems to reinforce people's beliefs in what you're doing."

Tom Duffy
Antioch boys' basketball coach



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Sequoits continue to improve

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

Although his team continues to make rookie mistakes on the mat from time to time, Antioch coach Wilbur Borrero is convinced his team is getting better.

"The end result may not show it, but we're headed in the right direction," Borrero said. "I'm pleased with them right now. They all have good attitudes and they want to get better. It's just a matter of time."

Antioch opened the week with a 36-24 loss to NSC Lake rival Lake Forest. Rob Lindstrom (103 pounds) and Joey Demmeritt (112) each won by forfeit, while Nick Ward (171) and Brad Lindstrom (189) both won their matches by pin.

"We just made some mistakes," Borrero said. "The kids wrestled well, but those mistakes we made are indicative of a young team with a new coach and a new philosophy. Ultimately all I can ask for is for the kids to continue to improve and we're doing that."

The team then wrestled the next night in the tough Stagg Invitational, finishing last among the 16 teams. But that's misleading as only seven wrestlers competed for Antioch in the tournament.

Nick Ward (6th place, 171) and Nick Coles (8th, 160) both had solid tournaments for the Sequoits.

"I only took the upperclassmen because there's no reason to take the young kids to a tough tournament like that," Borrero said. "I don't want to beat them up. I just look at how, as a whole, we can get better, and taking underclassmen to a tournament of this magnitude is no way to do that."

Although his team does continue to improve, there are still many unanswered questions, according to Borrero.

"We're such a young team I don't know what to expect from them or when to expect it," Borrero said. "When I look at the kids, all I can expect is for them to continue to work hard and continue to learn."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Antioch posted its first win of the season with a 52-40 win over Carmel on Saturday. The Sequoits rolled from the start, posting leads of 14-5 after one quarter and 32-15 at halftime before the Corsairs made a second half run.

"We wanted to come out early and get after them and we did," Antioch coach Tom Duffy said. "We were cruising, but then we got in a little bit of foul trouble. But we were still happy to get the win."

John Heneberry led Antioch with 11 points, while Sean Hertz (10) and Chandler Kent (8) also had solid efforts.

"We've had some enthusiastic practices after that win," Duffy said. "A win seems to reinforce people's beliefs in what you're doing."

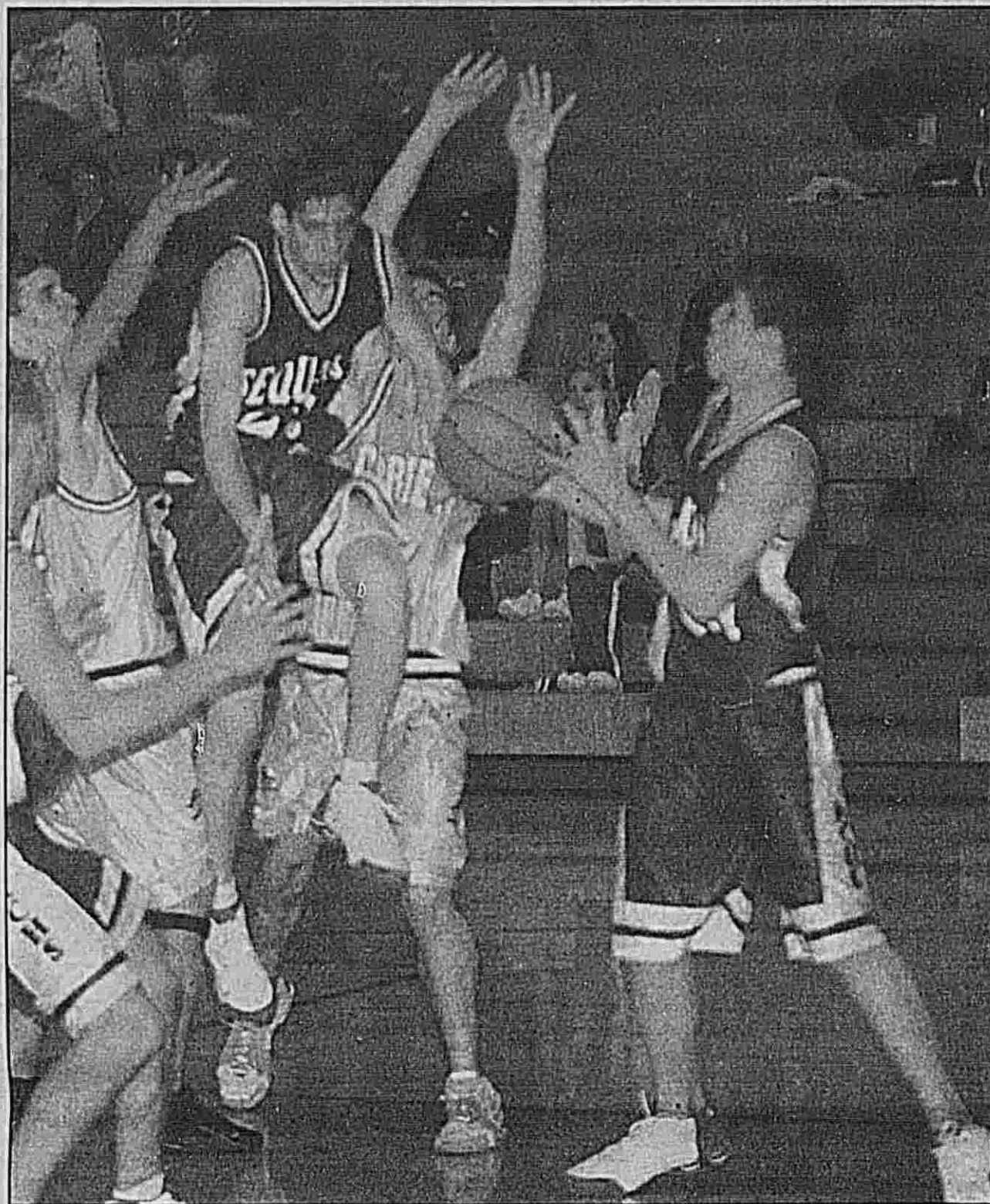


Photo by Steve Young

Antioch Community High School's Brian Sternberg (left) dishes off to a teammate in a 52-40 win over Carmel last Saturday.

Unfortunately, Antioch was not able to carry any momentum from that win, running into a buzzsaw Warren attack, 54-26 on Tuesday. Chandler Kent had 16 points to lead the Sequoits (1-6, 0-1 NSC Lake).

The team also fell to Lake Forest 61-44 last Friday. Hertz was the lone Antioch player in double figures with 12 points.

"Our goal was to win the first quarter because we're sick of chasing people and we did that, but we didn't win the second quarter," Duffy said. "Rebounding just killed us."

Antioch led the Scouts 11-10 after the opening 8 minutes, but was outscored 22-10 in the second quarter.

"We're still struggling to find our identity right now," Duffy said. "We're finding roles for people to play. But we're getting there."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

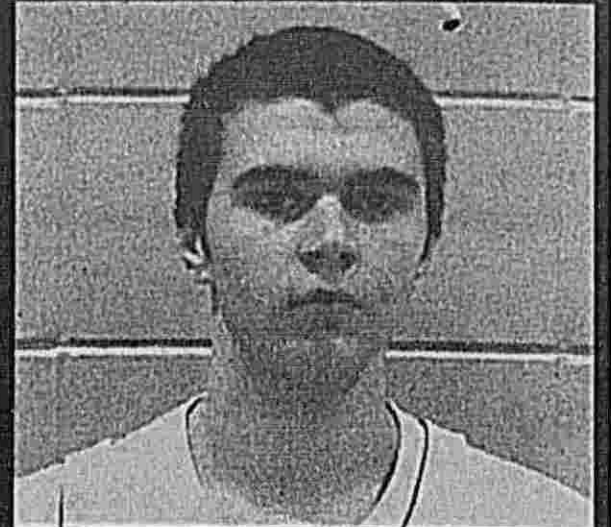
Antioch improved to 2-6 on the season with a 47-16 win over Round Lake on Tuesday. Jessica McWilliams made her much-anticipated debut, and scored 8 points for the Sequoits. Ashley Fain led Antioch with 11 points.

The team preceded that win with a 54-31 loss to Lake Forest on Saturday. Kristin Cartwright scored 11 of her game-high 18 points in the first half to lead the Scouts, who held Antioch to just 2 second-quarter points and just 13 of 39 shooting from the field in the game.

"Lake Forest delivered the knockout early with too much size and too much Kristin Cartwright," Antioch coach Don Zeman said.

Fain led the team with 9 points, while Holly Roberts and Colleen Curtis each had 5.

PREP PROFILES



Martin Pazanin

At the tail end of last year's three-point shooting contest at Waukegan, most fans were asking the same question, "Martin, who?"

After all, Antioch's Martin Pazanin, a junior at the time, had rode the bench for much of last season. But he didn't let that get him down.

Instead, he calmly stepped onto the floor at the Dog Pound and kept nailing shot after shot and before you know, he was heading downstate for the three-point contest at Carver Arena in Peoria.

"I always knew I had it in me," Pazanin said. "It's just like shooting at my house, which is something I've done for 18 years."

Antioch coach Tom Duffy knew Pazanin was capable of that performance as well.

"When he was on the sophomore team, he won 90 percent of the shooting games at practice," Duffy said. "He got the hot hand on the right night."

Pazanin was able to follow that up with a fantastic performance in the opening round of the state contest. He nailed 7 of his first 10 shots, finishing in a four-way tie for 1st with 12 points, and advancing to the finals.

In the finals, Pazanin made seven, finishing 4th, but he still loved the experience.

"That was awesome," Pazanin said. "At first I was just happy to be there, but to finish in the top-4 out of the 64 best shooters in the state was great. And it really helped my confidence for this year."

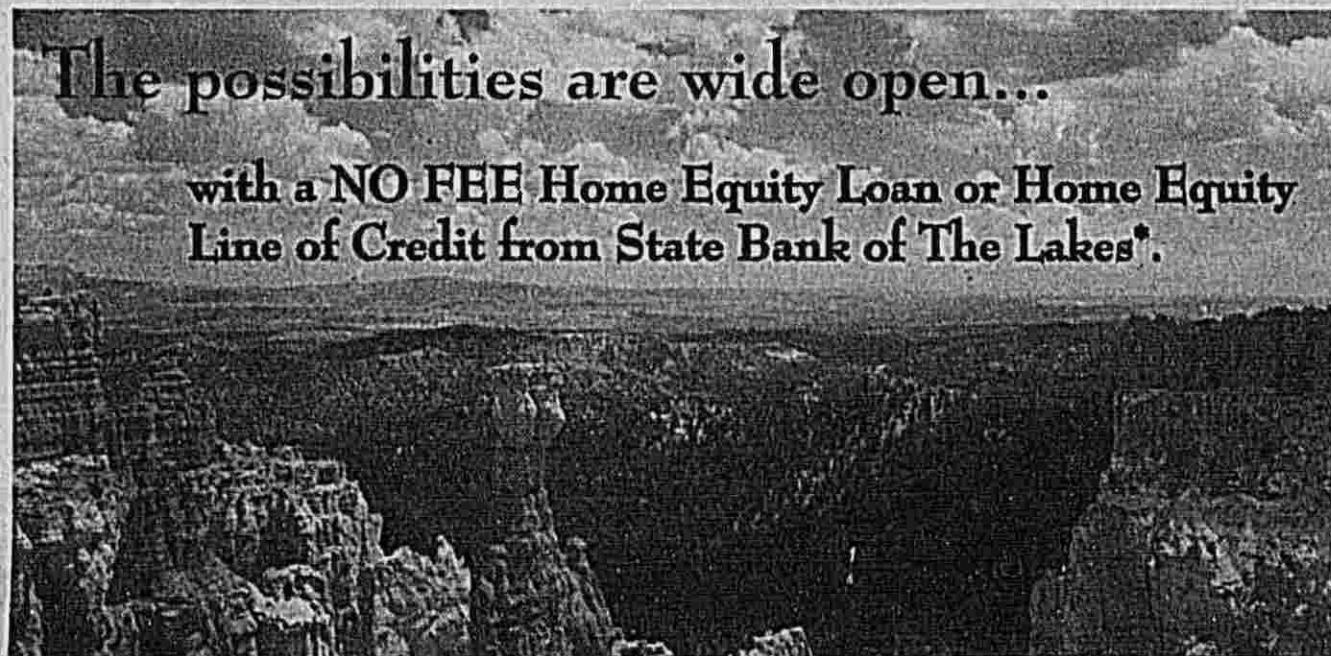
Something else that helped Pazanin's confidence is the fact that he went to a camp at Lake Geneva, losing 70 pounds in the process.

Although Pazanin is currently slowed due to recent hernia surgery, Duffy has high hopes for him this season.

"Hopefully he'll be a big part of any success we have," Duffy said. —Rob Backus

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CARMEL

"We're focusing on things we did better. It's been keeping things in perspective."

Jon Baffico
Carmel boys' basketball coach



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Corsairs win Rolling Meadows Invite

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Carmel coach Sarah Holcomb knew her team was poised for some big things this season, but even she didn't think it would be this good.

"We're starting the season where we ended last year," Holcomb said. "Our high score last year was 143.85 and we're already at 143.35."

Carmel's girls gymnastics team has been running the gauntlet in the early going in their quest to make it back to state. First, the Corsairs opened up the season with a dual-meet win over a solid Barrington team.

Then the team followed that up with an appearance in the 20-team Rolling Meadows Invite, winning the title with a score of 69.6, almost a point-and-a-half better than second place Deerfield. This meet was scored differently as each individual compete on one apparatus, with two scores counting per event. It marked the first time Carmel has won the event since 1992, when Holcomb was a senior, later winning the state title.

"This was a total team win," Holcomb said. "You need eight strong girls each contributing a solid score and we had that. I was so proud of the girls. It was a real honor to be their coach that day."

MaryAnn Ohlerking tied for 3rd on the uneven bars with a score of 8.5, while Jenny Plescia finished 18th with a 7.8.

"MaryAnn had a real solid routine," Holcomb said.

Caylee McGrath took 3rd on the vault with a 9.4, while Ashley Whitley finished 5th with a 9.2.

"Vault was the weakest event for Ashley last year, now she's nailing it," Holcomb said. "And Caylee was exploding off the horse with so much power."

According to Holcomb, Danni Doll had a solid beam routine, finishing 3rd with an 8.9, as did Amanda Andreasik, who finished 5th with an 8.8.

Laura Valkman had the best finish for the Corsairs, taking 2nd with an 8.9. Sam Sokup finished 16th on the floor with an 8.1.

"Sam had a beautiful routine; it should have gotten a much higher score," Holcomb said. "I don't understand it."

While Holcomb was a bit down about that low score, she's nonetheless pleased about her team's start to the year.

"It's going to be a great season," Holcomb said. "The girls are excited to make a name for Carmel gymnastics again."

Up next for Carmel is an invite at arguably the best team in the state, Conant, on Dec. 11 at noon.

BOYS BASKETBALL

As it turns out, Carmel's 84-15 blowout loss to Warren to open the season may have been a blessing in disguise.

"The kids were all expecting success overnight," Carmel coach Jon Baffico said.

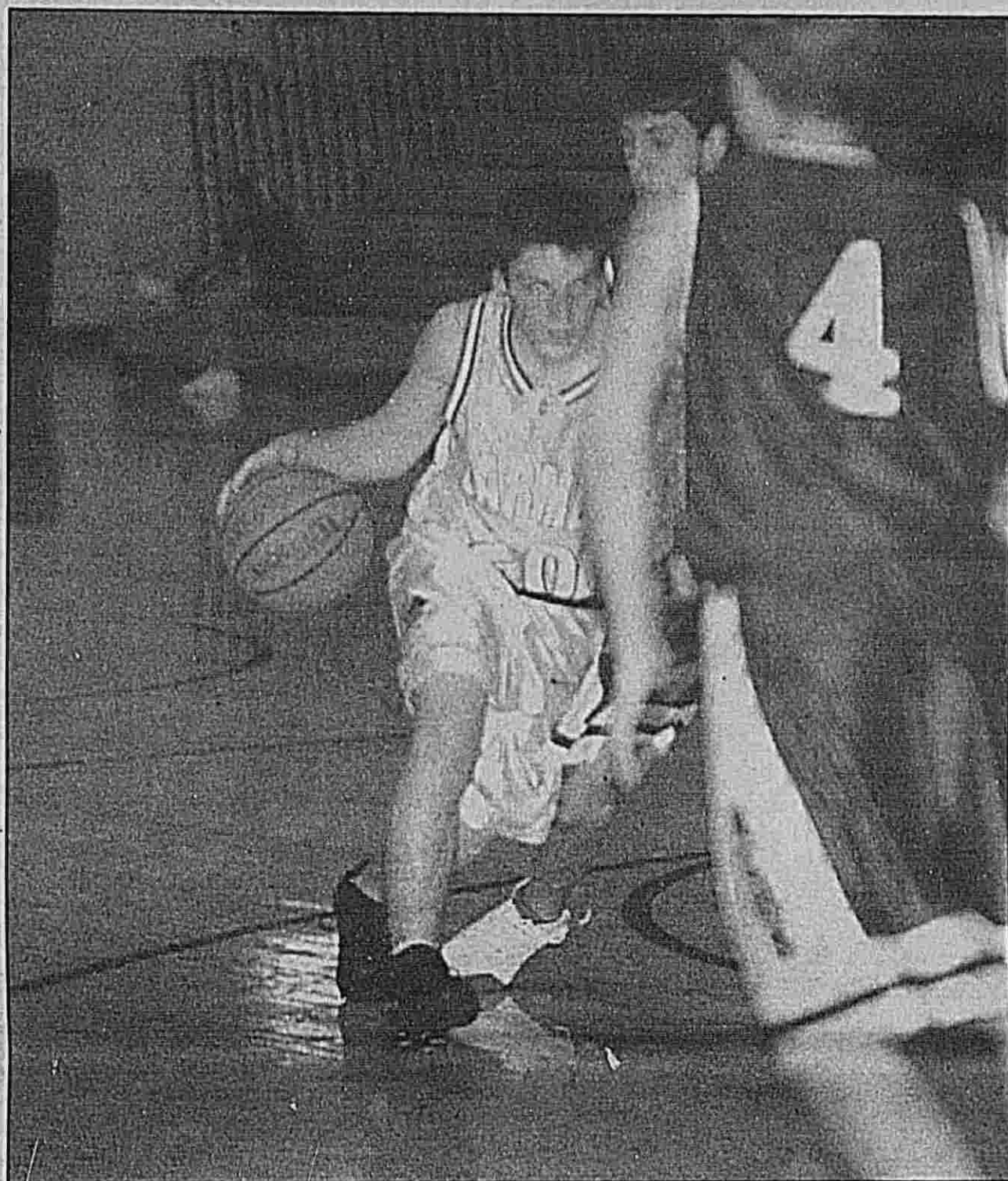


Photo by Steve Young

Carmel's Curtis Robinson drives to the basket in a loss to Antioch last Saturday.

"But I knew better. I knew it would take time."

But while the kids could have been permanently dejected following such a lopsided loss, Baffico is pleased with the way they have persevered.

"The kids are trying to keep a good attitude," Baffico said. "We're focusing on things we did better. It's been keeping things in perspective."

For instance, Baffico can point out to his players that while they gave up an average on 71 points per game in three losses at the Waukegan Tournament, they have since cut that to 51 points per game in a pair of contests last week.

Sure, Carmel lost both those games, but Baffico still remains pleased with the improvement his team is making.

"I'm pleased with the direction this team is heading," Baffico said. "We've been playing much better defensively."

The Corsairs opened up the week with a

48-35 loss to Notre Dame. Sean Kane's 9 points and Pat Rogers' 7 led Carmel.

"We were down just 8 points with 2 minutes left in the third (quarter)," Baffico said. "We had a chance to get back in the game, we just couldn't do it."

The next night, Carmel fell behind big early at halftime to Antioch, 32-15, but held the Sequoits to just 5 second-half field goals, although the team still lost 52-40.

"We didn't play as well against Antioch," said Baffico, whose team fell to 0-5 with the loss. "We shot 15-27 at the (free-throw) line and had 22 turnovers. That took us out of position to win the game."

Still, Baffico and the rest of the team continue to focus on the positives.

"I feel like we've made some decent strides," Baffico said. "We've made some headway offensively."

The team will search for its first win when it hosts St. Viator on Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

PREPFILES



Danni Doll

In a sport where the spotlight is so easy to find, due to its individual nature, Carmel senior gymnast Danni Doll tries her best to avoid it.

"She's so under the radar," Carmel coach Sarah Holcomb said. "No one realizes she's a three-time state qualifier."

Maybe that's just because of her personality.

"It's not that I don't enjoy attention, but I would just rather to what I need to do to help the team and move on," Doll said. "I usually get embarrassed when people compliment me."

Well she had better be prepared for tons of embarrassment, because Holcomb has nothing but glowing praise to describe her senior captain.

"I've had the pleasure of coaching her for four years," Holcomb said. "She's solid, consistent and hard working. All she does is get the job done."

In addition to her job on the floor, Doll has also emerged as a leader on this team.

"She's a leader by example, but she's also becoming a more vocal leader this year," Holcomb said. "It's been a pleasure to watch her grow. She's gone from not saying 10 words to me as a freshman to being the clown of the team."

Doll has also noticed the change in her personality over these past four years.

"I was really shy as a freshman, but then when I was a sophomore four new gymnasts came in and I became more comfortable with everyone," said Doll, the team's lone senior. "It's been a big change becoming a leader. I just try to lead by example and Amanda (Andreasik) has also stepped up to help me lead."

Now Doll is trying to do her best to help the Corsairs become one of the best teams in the state.

"We're ranked in the top-4 in state, and we're hoping to live up to that," Doll said. "It's really exciting." —By Rob Backus

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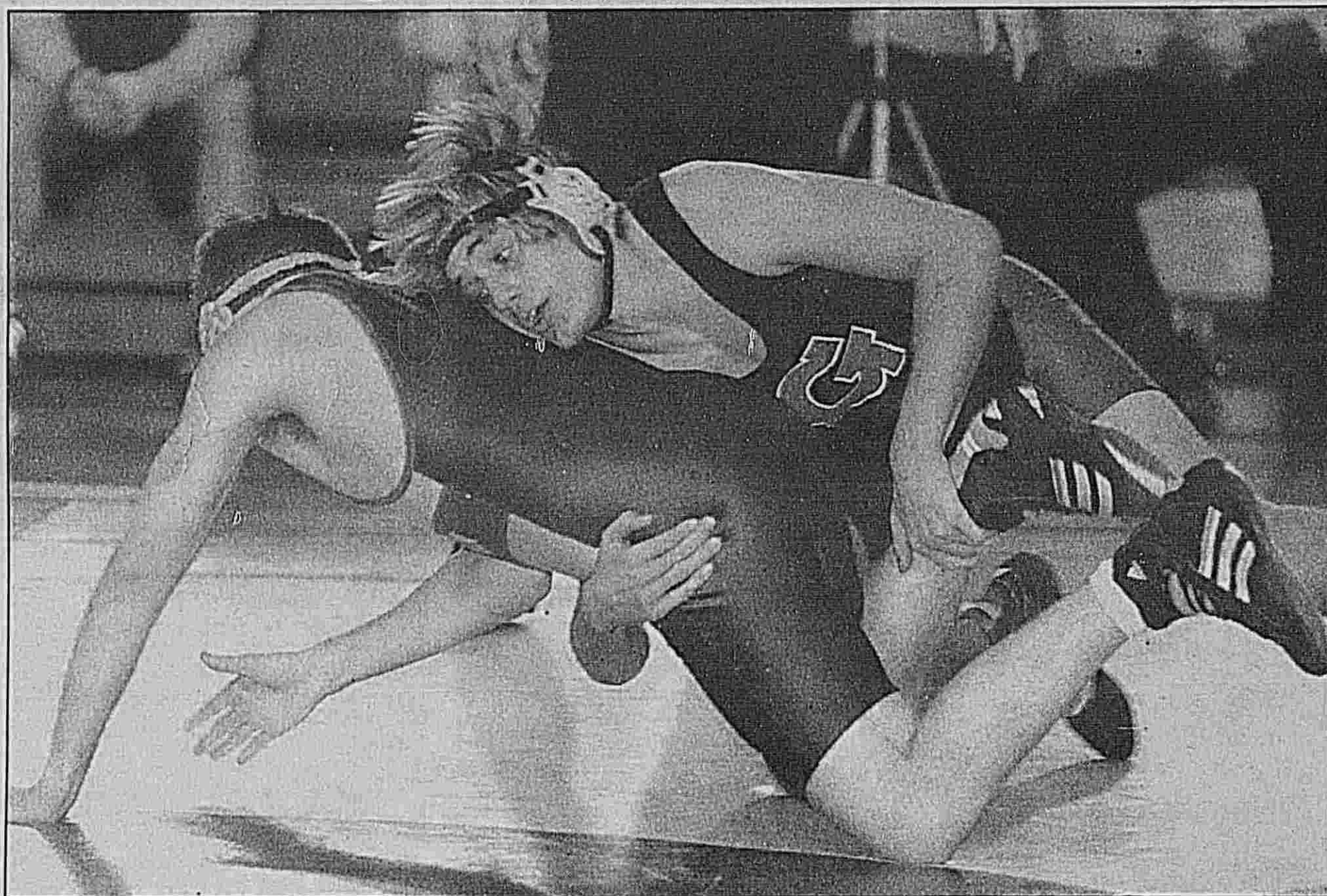


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Grant Community High School's Joe Barczak triumphs over Waukegan's Seth Kumpala during a wrestling tournament at Waukegan's East Gymnasium.

By Steve Peterson
Sports Reporter

Some early-morning exercises never hurt anyone.

In fact, it can help your jump shot. Just ask Grant's Matt Behm, who scored 13 points in Grant's 47-44 win over Vernon Hills.

"We got Matt up a little early this past week and he worked on his shooting. It paid dividends," said Grant coach Phil Ralston.

Behm, a junior, moved to point guard with Mike Mauch taking over at shooting guard. Mauch scored 11 points, including a clutch 15-footer that ended the Cougars' comeback hopes.

Eric Lostriscio gave Grant three double digit scorers with 12. He made 4-8 from the free-throw line.

"We controlled the tempo of the game. We will have to do that in close games to be successful. We only had 10 turnovers and shot better than 50 percent from the field and allowed them under 40 percent, less if you discount some uncontested shots at the end,"

Ralston said. "I was very pleased with our composure and we played very good man-to-man defense."

The Cougars (0-5) kept gunning for the Bulldogs until the end, led by Pat McKenna, who hurt the home team with early jump shots.

A three-pointer by Mauch at the end of the first half gave the Bulldogs a 28-22 lead at half-time.

Overall, Ralston was pleased with the way the squad bounced back from the 0-3 Johnsbury tourney.

"The way we look at it, we're going for a division championship, starting with Round Lake (Dec. 7) which is a very hungry team and could give some teams problems and at Mundelein (Dec. 11)," Ralston said.

The Bulldogs are facing the likes of Jake Gaebler and Brian Wilhelm against MHS, 1-3 on the young season.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grant High junior Kyle Baird has some tough assignments in practice.

Baird readies for game by going up against Becka Gonyo, Danielle Eiler and the like day in and day out.

Baird put her own skills on display Saturday as Grant clubbed Vernon Hills 48-22.

"She came off the bench and scored nine points and got some rebounds," said Grant coach Tom Oeffling.

Oeffling was pleased overall with the effort in the NSC Prairie Division opener. The win snapped a three-game losing streak.

"We took care of the ball a lot better, with 11 turnovers. Anytime you can keep it under 20, that's good," Oeffling said.

That was in sharp contrast to the 30 turnover performance shown by Grant in a 66-36 loss to Mundelein.

Against the VH Cougars, Ashley Arff led the Bulldogs (4-4) with 10 points and Gonyo had 7. Cassie Newton chipped in with five.

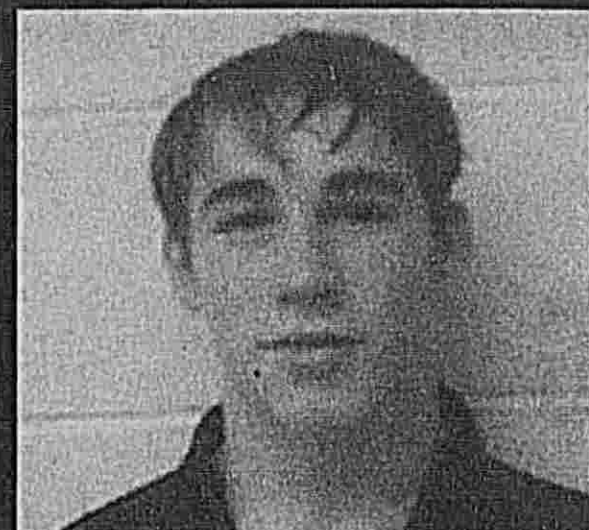
Grant gained a 30-point lead for the running clock rule in the fourth quarter.

Vernon Hills was led by Stephanie Hebda with eight points.

Round Lake, away Dec. 10, is next, followed by North Chicago at GCHS Dec. 16. The Bulldogs are at the McHenry Christmas tournament Dec. 18, 20-22.

"We have a good rivalry with North Chicago. Gerald Coleman does a great job and they are a talented team."

PREP PROFILES



Dan Dennis

There is nothing quite like finishing second as a motivation factor. Just ask Grant's Dan Dennis.

Dennis qualified for the state wrestling meet last year after finishing third in the sectional. He had a 36-4 record before the finals at the University of Illinois, but did not stop there. He made it all the way to the championship round, giving Grant two wrestlers in the Grand March. Jim Kennedy won at 103, and then Dennis took runner-up at 125.

"It is something to shoot for. I know that there will be a lot of tough kids. I attended a lot of camps and weight lifted. Lifting weights helps a lot with the upper body and the shoulders," Dennis said.

Dennis said wrestling over the summer and at a national meet helped him prepare for his final season. "I plan on sticking with my style, just the basics," said Dennis, a former Predators youth club wrestler.

"His goal is to get back to state and to get better. He wrestled a significant amount in the off-season and has a great work ethic," Geist said. "He has gotten a lot more patient."

Dennis won 9-1 over Glenbard North's Jon Ranck.

Dennis said working with a variety of wrestlers, including Coach Geist, in practice, helps.

Grant is off to a 5-0 dual meet start and is rated No. 5 by Illinois Matmen. The Bulldogs started division play with a 44-22 win over Vernon Hills, then knocked off Glenbard North 30-25 at Waukegan.

"This is the first time since I have been here that we have started at 5-0. We would always lose to Libertyville or Glenbard North," Geist said.

Grant chalked up a 51-20 win over Stevenson and Waukegan 57-15.

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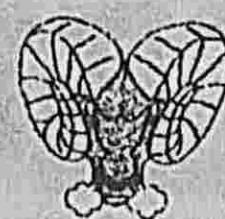
GRAYSLAKE

"We played some of the best teams in the state to open the season. And we played some really close games, and that gave us a lot of confidence."

Tim Bowen
Grayslake boys' basketball coach



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Rams heading in right direction

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

G Grayslake coach Tim Bowen decided to borrow a page from Illinois men's basketball coach Bruce Weber's playbook. Prior to the season, Weber circled a pair of games, against Wake Forest and Arkansas, as keys to the season.

And Bowen did the same, circling the first three games on the calendar, the Lake-Cook Shootout.

Unlike the Fighting Illini, who won both their games to vault to No. 1 in the polls, Grayslake went 0-3 during the Shootout. But Bowen says that's misleading.

"We played some of the best teams in the state to open the season," Bowen said. "And we played some really close games, and that gave us a lot of confidence."

That confidence is appearing to pay off as the Rams have won their last two games, against Crystal Lake South on Saturday and against Wheeling on Tuesday.

"I'm pleased with the direction we're heading in," Bowen said. "We have a lot of confidence."

The Rams got off to a fast start against Wheeling, outscoring the Wildcats 16-7 in the opening quarter behind 5 first-quarter points from Doug Hanson, in just his second game back from a high ankle sprain.

"It's nice having his presence on the floor," Bowen said of Hanson, who finished with 8 points in the contest.

However, the Wildcats managed to come back in the second quarter, using a suffocating full-court press to force 11 Grayslake turnovers, cutting the lead to 32-30 at half-time.

"We were just running out of control and making bad decisions," Bowen said. "In the second half, we were able to slow down and play more poised."

The Rams scored 42 points in the second half, winning easily over Wheeling 74-62.

"We took care of the ball a lot better in the second half," said Bowen, whose team improved to 3-4 with the win. "But we still have to get a lot better on defense. That's something we really need to work on."

Brian Centella led Grayslake with 26 points, including eight in the fourth quarter.

"We ran a really good offense tonight," Centella said. "I got some easy baskets to start off and I just got going from there."

Travis Guy and Rob Vaughan chipped in with 11 points each, while Elias Washington added 7.

"Vaughan had a night," Bowen said. "He did a great job finishing around the basket."

Grayslake preceded the win over Wheeling with a 52-43 win over Crystal Lake South on Saturday.

"We out-rebounded them 33-13 and had a great second quarter defensively," Bowen said. "We were able to put a lot of pressure on the ball."

Centella led the Rams with 26 points, while Washington added 9.

Grayslake will next take on Jacobs in Algonquin on Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Grayslake managed to even its dual meet record at 3-3 and moved to 2-0 in the Fox Valley Conference with a 45-21 win over Crystal Lake South last Thursday.

James Wright (152 pounds), August Trexler (160), Eric Rohde (189), David Quedens (215), Marvin Mantras (275), Justin Hay (103), David Pritchett (112), Dane Lund (119), Travis Atkins (130) and Placido Mendoza (135) all posted wins for the Rams.

"I'm really excited about our conference start," Grayslake coach Steve Wood said. "This is a huge week coming up with matches against Cary-Grove and Jacobs. Hopefully, with a couple breaks, we can win both of them."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

According to Grayslake coach Mike Hirsch, his team took "two steps forward and one huge step back" in a pair of losses to



Photo by Candace H. Johnson

Grayslake High School's Brian Centella drives toward the basket during a home game against Crystal Lake South.

Crystal Lake South and Jacobs last week.

The key now, according to Hirsch, "is to get going forward again."

The Rams were up by as much as 8 points in the fourth quarter against the Gators, and held a 45-43 lead with 8 seconds to go. However, Crystal Lake South connected on a 3-pointer at the buzzer to win 46-45. In the game, Grayslake connected on just 8 of 7 free-throw attempts and is shooting below 50 percent as a team from the charity stripe this season.

"It was one of those woulda, coulda games," Hirsch said. "We were in a position to win but we stopped being aggressive. We lost

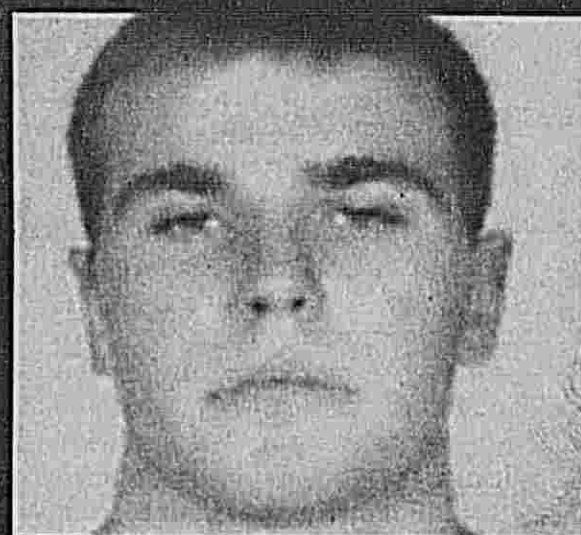
focus in the last 2 minutes of the game."

Grayslake had a trio of players in double figures, as Colleen Centella, Kara Ming and Kelsey Reese all led the way with 11 points apiece.

Unfortunately, the Rams' next game wasn't nearly as close as the team fell to Jacobs 52-25 Tuesday night. Rachel Culp led the Rams with 12 points.

"It's no coincidence that last week we had some great practices then we played well against Crystal Lake South," said Hirsch, whose team fell to 0-6 with the loss. "We didn't have a good practice yesterday and that carried over tonight."

PREPROFILES



August Trexler

G rayslake senior August Trexler is no stranger to disappointment. After finishing the regular season with a sub-.500 record, he got on a roll in the Fox Valley Conference tournament, reaching the third-place match in an extremely tough wrestling conference.

However, during that match he broke his thumb, costing him the match.

"It was hard to even finish the match," Trexler said. "I went down doing moves I know I would have been able to hit if my thumb wasn't broken. It was discouraging."

More importantly, the match cost him a shot at wrestling at regionals and sectionals, where Grayslake coach Steve Wood knows Trexler would have enjoyed some success.

"There's no doubt he would have made it to the sectionals if it wasn't for his hand," Wood said.

Trexler was dealt another setback over the summer when he tore the PCL in his knee.

"The rehab was really tough," Trexler said. "It hurt to even move the knee. But I played some soccer in the fall, and that helped get my mobility back. But I'm still half a step slower."

But even after the rehab, it's obvious to Wood that the injury still affects Trexler.

"It still slows him down," Wood said. "But he gets everything out of it he can. But he doesn't make any excuses. He just goes out there and does his job."

And that job is to lead Grayslake, not necessarily in wins, but emotionally.

"He's a great kid with a great work ethic," Wood said. "He's worked extremely hard for everything he has which is why he's a captain."

And after last year's disappointment, Trexler has big expectations this season.

"I'm definitely looking to make the championship match at conference and to make sectionals," Trexler said. —By Rob Backus

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"We matched up pretty well with these guys and won some big matches. It's not always going to be like that but we'll just do the best we can."

Dale Eggert
Libertyville wrestling coach



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Cats grappling with early success

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

If the Libertyville boys wrestling team was planning on making a statement to the rest of the North Suburban Conference Lake Division when they took on Stevenson Dec. 2, mission accomplished.

The Wildcats came into the match at 3-1, while the Patriots were undefeated with a 4-0 overall record. On paper, it appeared as though a tight contest was about to unfold.

That was not the case, however, as Libertyville flat-out dominated Stevenson throughout most of the match and came out on top with a 39-21 win.

Libertyville head coach Dale Eggert said he was a bit surprised the match was not closer.

"(Stevenson is) a tough team," he said. "It's one of the better Stevenson teams we've seen and we knew (that). We get fired up for those Lake Division opponents. We got ready for it."

It was obvious from the start that the Wildcats came prepared, beginning with the 189-pound match between Libertyville's Vinnie Saplenza and Stevenson's Eric Ajibade. It wasn't the first time the two had met. Last season, Ajibade pinned Saplenza when they squared off in conference play.

But this time around, Saplenza was able to jump out to a 5-3 lead in the second period, which he built on in the third for a 12-4 victory.

Libertyville 215-pounder Alex Petraroli followed that up with a 7-2 loss to Jordan Sloan that cut the lead to 4-3.

But in the third match Wildcat heavyweight Jack Danilkowicz beat Brett Shapiro by default when Shapiro had to repeatedly leave the mat due to nose bleeds, giving Libertyville a 10-3 lead.

The Wildcats' 275-pound heavyweight slot had been reserved for senior David Moosman, who is a highly touted football recruit as a line-man.

Due to an injury suffered during the football season, Moosman decided to forego his final year of wrestling to have surgery on his shoulder.

Eggert said Danilkowicz has stepped up in Moosman's absence.

"I was hoping Jack was going to go 215 and maybe get Moosman in there at 275," he said. "But Moosman is definitely out for the year. So Jack can go whatever weight he wants now. I think he'll probably stay at 275. He's really tough."

103-pound freshman Trey Ayala got Libertyville's first pin of the night when he put senior Alex Rothfeld on the mat at the 4:41 mark, which put Libertyville up 16-3.

The Wildcats never looked back, as consecutive wins by 112-pounder Kyle Oberman, 119-pounder Peter Mazzetta, 125-pounder Ted Strychalski and 130-pounder Alex Grant put them up 29-3.

Libertyville also received solid performances from 140-pounder David Paramski, who pinned his opponent at 3:41, and 152-pounder Jeff Keske, who shut out Jeremy LaPlante 9-0.

"We matched up pretty well with these guys and won some big matches," Eggert said. "It's not always going to be like that but we'll just do the best we can. I thought we fought real well tonight."

The Wildcats followed the division win up with a first place finish at the Staggs Varsity Tournament Dec. 4. Keske, Paramski and 112-pounder Peter Mazzetta all went undefeated in the 16-team tourney.

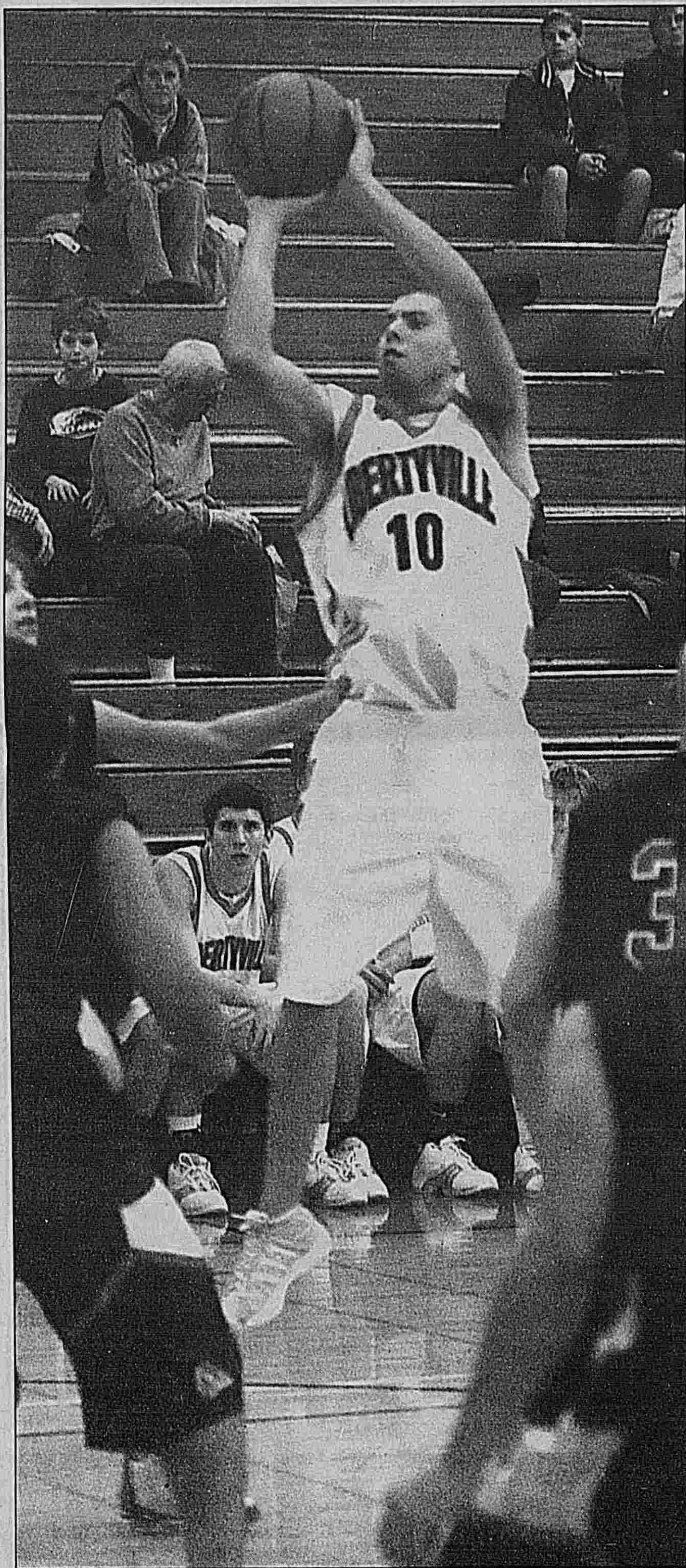
Libertyville will next travel to Mundelein to take on the NSC Lake rival Mustangs Dec. 10.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Libertyville boys basketball team received huge games from their starting back-court Tuesday night in a high-scoring affair against NSC Lake rivals Mundelein.

The Wildcats (3-3, 1-1) defeated the Mustangs 93-82, paced by senior point guard Anthony Jennings' 31 points and junior guard Matt Hogan's 16.

With the game tied at 18 after the first quarter, Jennings caught fire, hitting four



Libertyville Wildcat, Anthony Jennings, shoots for three points while Libertyville defeated the Mundelein Mustangs 93-82.

threes and scoring 16 points in the second to help Libertyville to a 48-37 halftime lead.

Wildcats senior forward Kyle Johnson helped out in the paint, chipping in 13 points and pulling down seven rebounds.

Mundelein senior guard Jake Gaebler led the Mustangs (1-4, 0-2) with 28 points, 13 of which came in the third quarter as his squad

cut the lead to seven.

But Libertyville was able to hang on in the fourth to notch the victory.

Overall the Wildcats hit 12 threes and shot 63 percent from the field.

Libertyville will next face Zion-Benton Dec. 11 before hosting undefeated NSC Lake foe Warren Dec. 11.

PREP PROFILES



Trey Ayala

Before his match against Stevenson senior Alex Rothfeld Dec. 2, Libertyville freshman wrestler Trey Ayala might as well have been standing on hot coals on the sidelines.

The 103-pounder bounced from foot to foot behind the scorer's table, waiting for his opportunity to take the mat.

And when he did, he didn't disappoint.

It didn't seem to matter to Ayala that Rothfeld was a seasoned varsity veteran who came up just one point short of qualifying for state last year.

The slippery freshman used his quickness to get out of-and usually reverse-the holds Rothfeld put him in. Finally, in the third period, Ayala pinned him at the 4:41 mark.

"No big deal," head coach Dale Eggert said. "He wrestles guys that tough all the time. You can tell. He knows (Rothfeld is) a senior. He knows he missed making state by a point and he wasn't in the remotest intimidated."

A big reason Ayala is able to keep his poise against more established varsity wrestlers is the fact that he has been involved in the sport for most of his life. He started wrestling when he was in second grade and became involved in a club in Naperville called Fox Valley soon after that.

The experience has paid off early in Ayala's high school career, as he has gone undefeated (8-1) thus far in the season.

"I was definitely hoping to make varsity and after I accomplished that I set my goal a little higher-get a winning record," he said.

Since he appears to be well on the way to that, he said he has now set his sights on qualifying for sectionals and then possibly state.

"I feel like I've been doing great, it's a good start," he said. "I hope I can keep it going." -By Matt Pera



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"Once we were down you could see the wind was taken out of our sails right away."

Brian Evans
Mundelein girls' hoops coach



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Warren's inside play kills Mustangs

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

Heading into their North Suburban Conference Lake Division opener at Warren Dec. 4, the Mundelein girls basketball team was averaging just under 63 points a game.

But the Blue Devils held the Mustangs to less than half that point total Dec. 4, cruising to a 57-26 victory to remain undefeated at 7-0.

"I think we came out and played good in the first quarter then missed a few shots and stopped running our offense and stopped defending," Mundelein head coach Brian Evans said.

As the final seconds ticked off the clock in the first quarter, the Mustangs (5-2) had established an 11-9 lead. But Warren guard TK LaFleur stole the ball on a Mundelein inbound pass and scored just before the buzzer sounded to tie the game.

That proved to be all the momentum the Blue Devils needed, as they put together an 18-2 run in the second quarter and headed into halftime up 31-17.

It didn't get any better in the second half, as the Mustangs only mustered nine points.

Evans said Warren's play in the paint was a key to his team's demise.

"They hurt us inside in the second half," he said. "We gave up a lot of easy points and second chances to other kids. We did not run our offense that well in the second half and we became un-aggressive."

Mundelein senior guard Kelly Mitchell agreed with her coach's assessment, saying the team started rushing shots in an effort to trim the lead.

"People were taking it upon themselves to get game back in one possession," she said.

The Blue Devils' lead ballooned to more than thirty points in the fourth quarter, which led the officials to institute a running clock through the end of the game.

Mundelein senior guard Sarah Miller led her squad with 13 points, but only three other Mustangs scored in the game.

Senior guard Beth Rosendahl had eight points, senior point guard Caroline Laird chipped in eight and junior forward Marija Jakovljevic had 2.

The Mustangs managed only ten total baskets on the night and shot 36 percent from the free throw line.

After the Blue Devils jumped out to a big lead in the second half, Evans said his squad had a hard time recovering.

"It was the first time we were down that much all season," he said. "Once we were down you could see the wind was taken out of our sails right away."

Warren head coach John Stanczykiewicz, on the other hand, said he was glad his Blue Devils were able to step up against a Mundelein team that should be near the top of the NSC Lake all year.

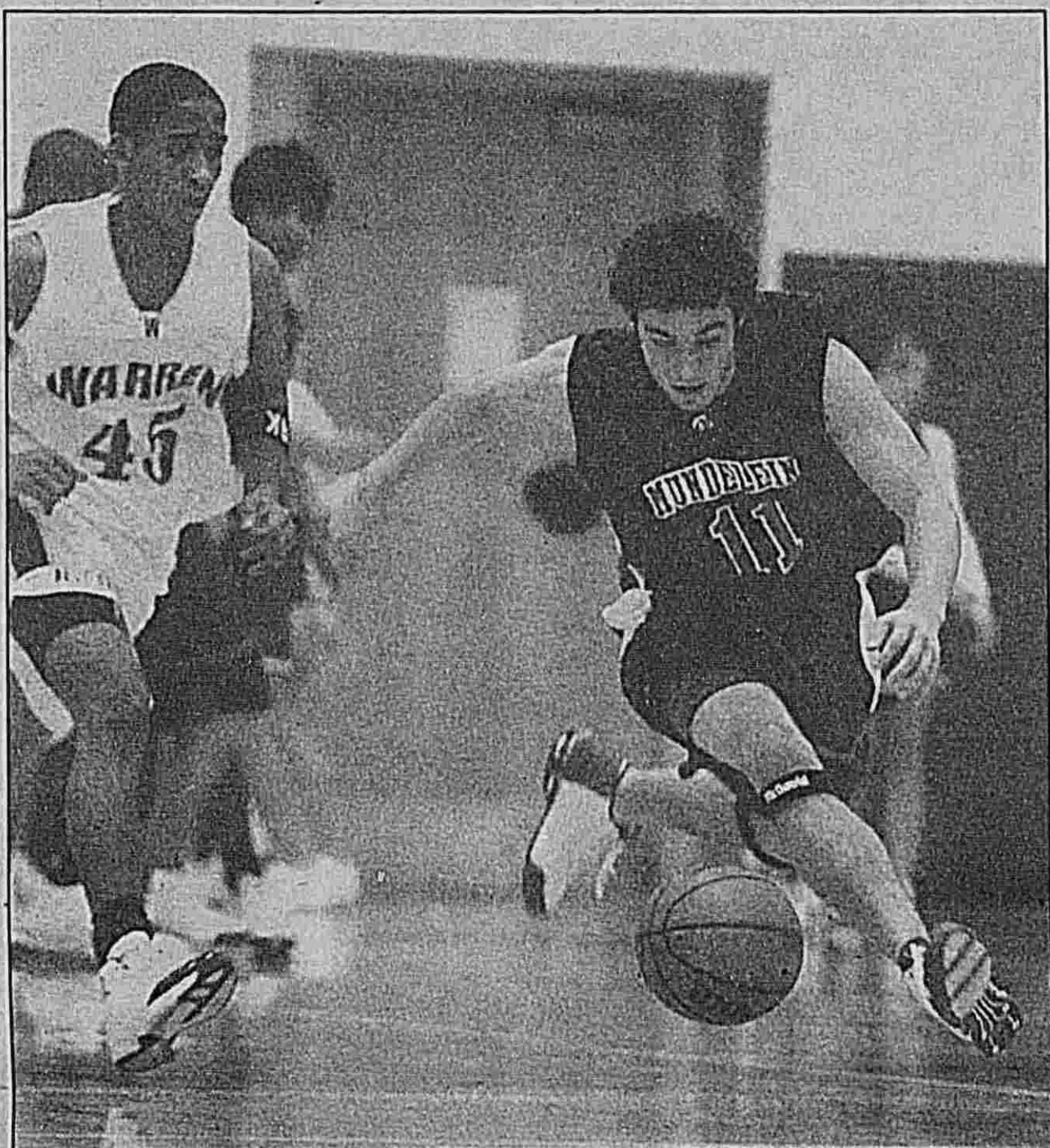


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Mundelein High School's Jake Gaebler chases after a loose ball during a 66-33 loss to Warren Township High School in Gurnee.

"This was an important conference game, even this early," he said. "You don't want to go into Mundelein later in the year knowing you lost to them on your own floor."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Just as the Mundelein girls team struggled to find their offense against Warren over the weekend, the boys team had an equally hard time when they faced the highly-touted Blue Devils Dec. 3.

The visiting Mustangs didn't crack double-digits in any of the game's four quarters, topping out at nine in both the second and third en route to a 66-33 loss in both teams' NSC Lake opener.

Warren often subbed in five players at a time and Mundelein head coach Dick Knar said it was hard for his squad to keep up with that depth.

"It was tough for us because Warren is such a good team and they came in with fresh

players, five, while we were subbing with one or two guys," he said. "It can be mentally intimidating. They caused us to rush shots. We just have to be more consistent."

The talent on Warren's bench was evident early in the first quarter with the Blue Devils up 6-2. Head coach Chuck Ramsey replaced all of his starters at that point and the reserves helped lead the team to a 15-7 first quarter lead.

James Fischer had eight points, Shannon Adams added nine and Logan Derrick chipped in six off the bench.

Marvin Bemby and Marcus Lewis shared Warren's leading scorer honors with 12 points each.

Mustangs senior guard Jake Gaebler, who is the team's leading scorer, managed 11 points on the night.

The Blue Devils' defense held Mundelein in check the entire game, limiting the Mustangs to just 11 baskets.

PREP PROFILES



Kelly Mitchell

When Mundelein senior guard Kelly Mitchell wasn't at an open gym at the high school, or at a tournament with her teammates, she could often be found at the Mundelein Recreation Center working on her jump shot.

Last season she and fellow senior guard Caroline Laird were mainly relied on to run the offense as passers.

But this year, Mitchell said she has become a bit more of a scorer for the Mustangs as well.

"I used to think twice before shooting but I've been doing it so much it has become kind of a primary thought," she said.

Head coach Brian Evans said Mitchell's hard work has paid off, but added the team still counts on her to get the ball up the floor and set up the team's offense.

"She's shot the ball well for us and the big thing so far this year is she's handled the ball against pressure well," he said. "She has a 2-1 assist-to-turnover ratio right now and that's what we want out of that position."

Laird also boasts an impressive assist-to-turnover ratio, at 3.5-1, which Evans said gives the Mustangs a nice one-two punch in the backcourt.

Mitchell said she and Laird are almost interchangeable.

"I could be the (point guard) one time down the floor or Caroline could be and our team still doesn't get freaked out, things don't fall apart," she explained. "If someone picks up their dribble, we have two guards who will be willing to help."

At 5-2, the Mustangs are still working out the kinks in their offense.

Mitchell said the team played its best at a tournament in Iowa over the summer and is hoping to reach that level of performance in the varsity season.

"We did really well (in Iowa)," she said. I'm just waiting for us to play that well now." —By Matt Pera

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The three-headed monster

Libertyville backfield trio provided offensive punch

By Matt Pera
Sports Reporter

Over the summer Jeff Fontana, Kyle Nader and Tom Sitz had the feeling something special was on the horizon for the Libertyville football team.

The Wildcats had come up just one touchdown short of winning the Class 7A State Championship in 2003 and, while the three soon-to-be-senior running backs worked out in preparation for their final season, a November trip to back down to Champaign was on their minds.

And they wanted to make sure the team achieved that goal. "We knew we were returning only one starter on offense," Sitz said. "We knew we wanted to do something big and I think we knew we had the potential. But to make an impact you have to do a little more."

That extra effort started in the summer, when Sitz, Nader and Fontana would meet at the high school track to improve their speed.

They would run 100-yard dashes with a parachute strapped to their back, or a cord attached to a belt to create resistance.

When the preseason started, they worked with Libertyville running backs coach Greg

Larsen for three hours after practice in the late-summer heat to make sure they were ready for the Wildcats' 2004 title run.

Now, over months later, with a Class 7A state championship trophy sitting in a display case at the high school, they can finally say the hard work paid off.

"It's been a great ride," Nader said. Nader, along with Fontana and Sitz, were in the driver's seat for most of the season, combining for a whopping 3,188 yards rushing and 40 touchdowns en route to the Wildcats' 13-3 state championship win over Cary-Grove.

Fontana finished the season with 1163 yards and 14 touchdowns. Nader added 1,603 total yards and a school-record 25 touchdowns (1,042 yards, 18 touchdowns rushing; 529 yards, 7 touchdowns receiving), and Sitz notched 1,140 total yards and 13 touchdowns (951 yards, 9 touchdowns rushing, 189 yards, 4 touchdowns receiving).

Libertyville head coach Randy Kuceyeski said it is rare a team has three running backs that all achieve, or get close to, the 1,000-yard rushing mark.

"I'm not sure how many times that's happened in the state," he said. "To have three guys capable of doing that in the same backfield is unheard of. On a week-by-week basis, it depended on who was hot and every week

someone else stepped up."

In each game this season, besides the state title match-up, at least one of the three backs exceeded 100 yards.

"We knew we had the ability but we didn't know who was going to have a big game when," the Northern Illinois-bound Fontana said. "When a team tried to stop one back, the other two would have big games."

What makes the backfield trio's feats even more impressive is the fact that none of them played on offense last season.

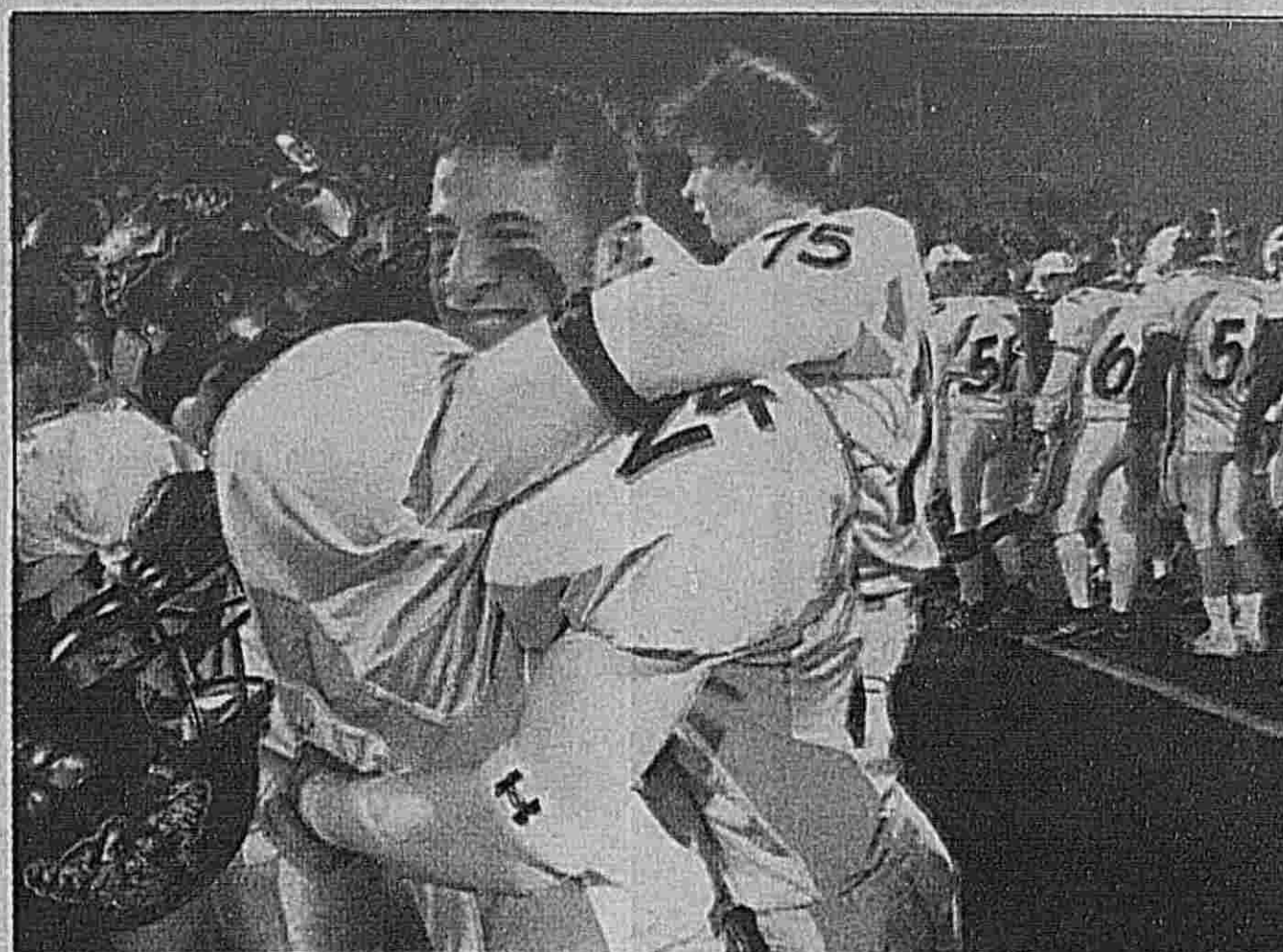
Fontana focused on his defensive duties at the safety position; Nader was sidelined all year with a groin injury; and Sitz spent most of his season playing JV.

"We didn't know what to expect," Kuceyeski said. "They all worked hard all summer but they had very little game experience. But we found out in that first game (a 44-28 win over Lincoln-Way Central), then in the second game (a 42-7 win over McHenry) when Tommy rushed for over 200 yards."

After all the hard work the three put in, Nader said none of them were surprised by their success this season.

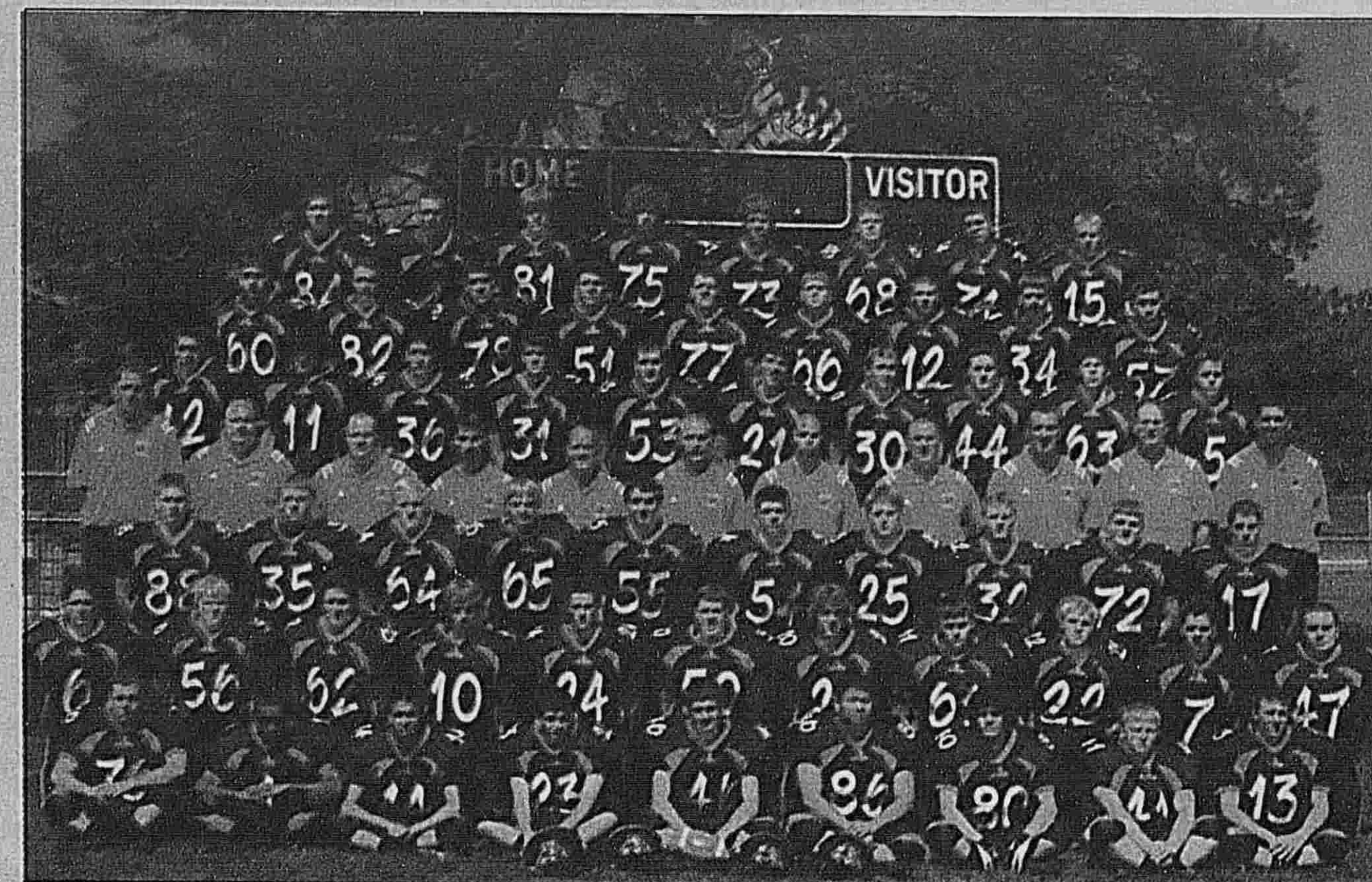
"We knew our ability and we knew something good would come of it," he said.

Over 3,000 yards and 300 total points later, they were right.

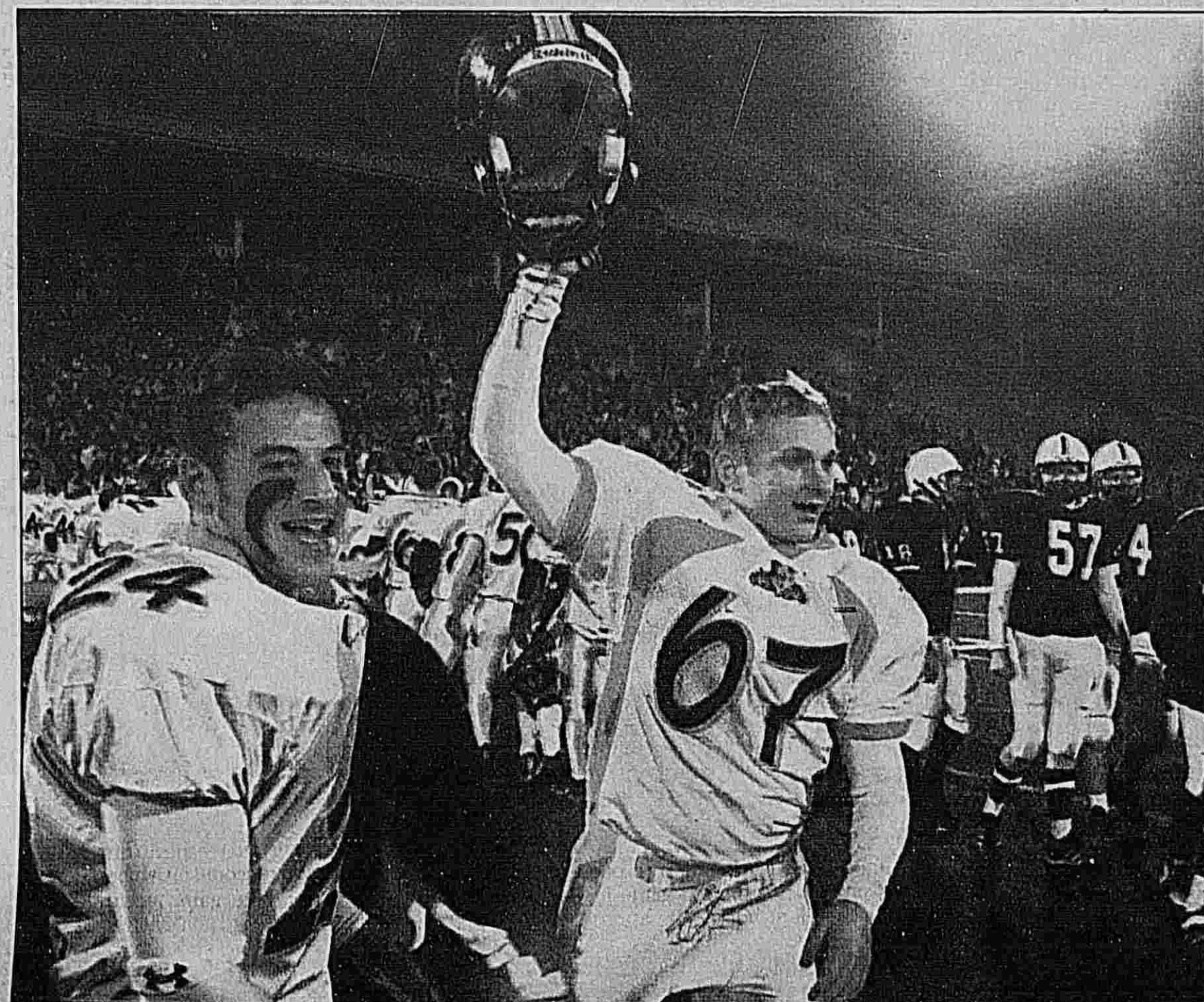


Libertyville's David Romito gets emotional as he embraces a teammate after winning the Class 7A State Championship Football title against Cary-Grove at Memorial Stadium in Champaign.

Libertyville Wildcats



TOP CATS



Brad Hansen and David Romito (above) are victorious as members of the defeated Cary-Grove team pass by following the 13-3 win for the Wildcats in the Class 7A State Finals in Champaign.

One wild cat

Libertyville mascot raises school spirit

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

At the beginning of Libertyville's Class 7A title game match-up against Cary-Grove, a big brown blur in the shape of a Trojan horse wandered on to the Cats' sideline.

As security personnel at Memorial Stadium began to wonder what exactly was going on, all of a sudden the Trojan horse came flying off and Willy the Wildcat emerged to the delight of the Libertyville faithful.

But it was nothing new to the thousands of fans that have seen the Cats throughout their perfect 14-0 season. In the semifinal game against Rolling Meadows, Willy donned a cowboy hat and had a horse around its waist to mock the Mustangs. The previous week, against Glenbrook North, Willy came out with a fake shield and sword to mock the Spartans.

And with the players, coaches, training staff, and even cheerleaders sharing the limelight following the school's first state title, it's a shame that most Libertyville fans don't even know the name of the man behind Willy the Wildcat. Well, it's time to change that. His name is Dan Bleck and he's been donning the Wildcat costume for three years.

"It's a shame that he doesn't get a lot of notoriety," Libertyville athletic director Tim Albers said. "He's been great for school spirit. The kids love him."

"I enjoy interacting with the little kids," Bleck said. "They're fun. Some of the middle school kids ask me weird questions, but I can't answer them because mascots aren't supposed to talk."

While Willy has been beloved by the Libertyville faithful for the last three years, that doesn't necessarily apply to the fans of the opposition. Last Halloween, as Libertyville took on Antioch for the first round of

the playoffs, Bleck had an idea. "In college, mascots are always picking fake fights with each other, so I talked to Antioch's mascot and we thought it would be funny," Bleck said.

However, Bleck failed to mention this to anyone else.

"The fight went okay, but as I was walking back to my sidelines some Antioch fans came out of the crowd and blindsided me," Bleck said.

Fortunately, Bleck, a lacrosse player, was unhurt in the fracas. "It was no big deal," he said.

What is a big deal is that for the first time in school history, Bleck has been invited to compete in a national mascot competition, run by the United Performers Association, in Minneapolis in February.

Earlier this year, the Libertyville community showed its appreciation by donating a new \$2,000 mascot costume to the school, courtesy of the Wildcat football parents and the athletic department. The costume comes complete with a cooling fan and a body suit that is frozen prior to games to regulate the temperature.

"That's a nice feature," Bleck said. "It gets pretty hot in there sometimes."

With another year as Willy the Wildcat ahead of him, Bleck is already looking forward to 2005.



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Libertyville High School junior Dan Bleck gets the Wildcat crowd going while dressed in a Trojan costume, in honor of Cary-Grove High School's mascot, during the school's Class 7A State Championship Football game in Champaign.

The Incredible Journey: Part II

By Randy Kuceyeski

he sequel to last year's "The Incredible Journey" started on the bus ride back to Libertyville after the heartbreaking loss to Oswego for the state championship. The determination and resolve to get back to Champaign in 2004 was already in the works in the minds and hearts of the returning players.

This dedicated group of young men decided then to make it their mission to return and bring home the state championship to Libertyville that was denied to them in 2003. This was the first loss ever in high school for this junior group, and I knew that it would be their last. There would be no team in the state that would keep them from their dream.

Losing the game the way we did was a blessing in disguise, as it would be something that would motivate them for the next twelve months. The phrase, "a hungry cat always stalks harder" would be something they would remember during the off-season. Within our team, we knew what we had as we began our off-season lifting in January. Although we would lose 10 starters on offense, we had some very suitable replacements for our graduating seniors.

The seniors adopted the slogan, "under the radar" for our 2004 campaign. We would approach the season in a low-key fashion and keep our progress and expectations within our circle of coaches and players. We would quietly work hard and downplay how good we thought we would be so we could sneak up on a couple of teams early in the season. This also reflected the attitude that our players had regarding publicity and individual statistics.

This group really didn't care about that aspect of recognition and dedicated themselves to the "team." We had a tremendous off-season of training and we became the strongest team, man for man, in our history. The foundation was set for the greatest year in wildcat football history.

We knew early that our defense would be

our greatest asset. The question was how long would it take for the offense to catch up. Well, after scoring over 40 points in the first four games, it didn't take long. The pieces came together because of the effort our players put in and because they were being coached by the best coaching staff in the country.

We continued downplaying our victories and quietly beat every opponent along the way. Our victory over a top rated Warren Blue Devil team only vindicated what we knew all along; we would be a force to be reckoned with in the state playoffs.

We went undefeated in the regular season for the second consecutive year and were now poised to make a run back to Champaign. Things had definitely fallen into place and we were now no longer "under the radar" as we slowly crept up in the state rankings and secured the number one seed in the tournament for the second consecutive year.

Our mental focus grew each week as we concentrated on the important values that a team needs to possess when the pressure is on. We needed to draw on more than just our physical assets. Little did we know that in round one, we would need every ounce of belief and trust to gut out a huge win against a Mundelein team that just did not quit.

Believing in each other and trusting one another was taken to a new level. But the biggest lesson we would take to the next round was one that would eventually take us all the way to the championship game: If we play relaxed and had fun, no one could stop the Wildcat Express" from rolling downstate.

For the next three games that is how we played. We rolled over an Antioch team that didn't know what hit them until it was too late. Our next big win was over an undefeated Glenbrook North team and was followed by a huge win over a highly regarded Rolling Meadows squad. The fireworks before the game was simply an indication of how explosive we were that night.

A standing room only crowd of over 7,000 fans was an inspiration to our team as we won our sixth playoff game in the last two years—all at home! The atmosphere at our home games is second to none in the state of Illinois, and I really think teams hate to come into "The Den" to play because of the crowd noise and atmosphere. I really believe we have our own "fear factor" that visiting teams have to contend with!



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Libertyville football head coach Randy Kuceyeski hugs one of his assistant coaches following the win over Cary-Grove.

Although we celebrated our semifinal win afterwards, I could sense that we had some "unfinished business" to take care of the following Saturday night.

We now had one game left to bring home the state championship. During the week we were loose and yet I sensed a feeling of confidence as we practiced with a purpose and we were really focused. We knew Cary-Grove would not go quietly into the night. On a windy and cold night the defenses were the stars of the night as both offenses were throttled for the first time all year.

These high-octane machines were averaging over 68 points per game, but tonight the defenses took center stage. Only 10 points were scored going into the fourth quarter, and seven of those were scored on a blocked punt. The key play of the game occurred as a botched snap on a field goal allowed us to set up the clinching score with 2:42 remaining on the clock.

I could now feel the weight of last year's loss lifted from our shoulders as the realization of the magnitude of our victory sank into our hearts, etched in time forever.

ROUND LAKE

"It was two steps forward, but one step back."

Mark Petrynek
Round Lake boys' hoops coach



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Panthers fall to Wauconda

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

A tough start to the second half doomed Round Lake's boys basketball team, still looking to gain some early-season self-confidence.

The Panthers fell top Wauconda 70-46 due to an 18-5 Wauconda run in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs have hit the 70-point level and started the week in first place in the NSC Prairie Division. Wauconda was paced by 18 points from Tim Schwarz and 14 from Hawk Haiduke in a 70-46 pasting of Round Lake.

The Panthers (0-4) kept the game close on a 19-19 deadlock, before Wauconda opened the lead in the second half. Jordan Paulsen scored 19 points for Round Lake, all in the first half.

"Schwarz can get shots off steals or out of the offense," said WHS coach Rich Wolf. "I'm not concerned about our offense because we know we have three or four guys who can score pretty well. Schwarz gets some points off steals as well as three-pointers. We have a variety of weapons. I am concerned about our defense."

Points off transition helped the Bulldogs against the Panthers.

Wauconda has another thing going for it as it reached the .500 mark at 2-2.

"It was two steps forward, but one step back," summed up Round Lake coach Mark Petrynek.

The incident where RL point guard Jeremy Potts tried to play without a contact lens was a key.

"It affected his depth perception. He had his fourth foul and we were trying to substitute for him," Petrynek said.

Petrynek said the troublesome second half may have been caused by kids trying to do too much due to Paulsen's strong first half.

"John is one of our three players with meaningful varsity experience last year. I have to remind myself of that," he said.

Toby Artega had a strong game with 13 points, including a trey.

"He always guards one of the best players on the other team and on Friday, that was Haiduke," Petrynek said of Artega.

Petrynek, in his first year, does not make too much of rivalries such as Tuesday's Grant-Round Lake clash. "I am not that much into scouting yet, as we are trying to execute the best what we do," he said.

Round Lake is at mighty 4-0 Warren Dec. 11. Round Lake, like Wauconda, is at the Jacobs tournament.

On the plus side, Petrynek said the varsity players are mainly hearing his call for better performances outside the gym, namely in the classroom. Also, there is growing interest in establishing a new feeder system for middle school students.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jessie Middlesworth had a solid education in the importance of rebounds long before she joined the WHS girls basketball team.

Her brother, Duffy, was one of the best. Jessie Middlesworth, a junior center, had 12 rebounds as Wauconda beat Round Lake 39-28.

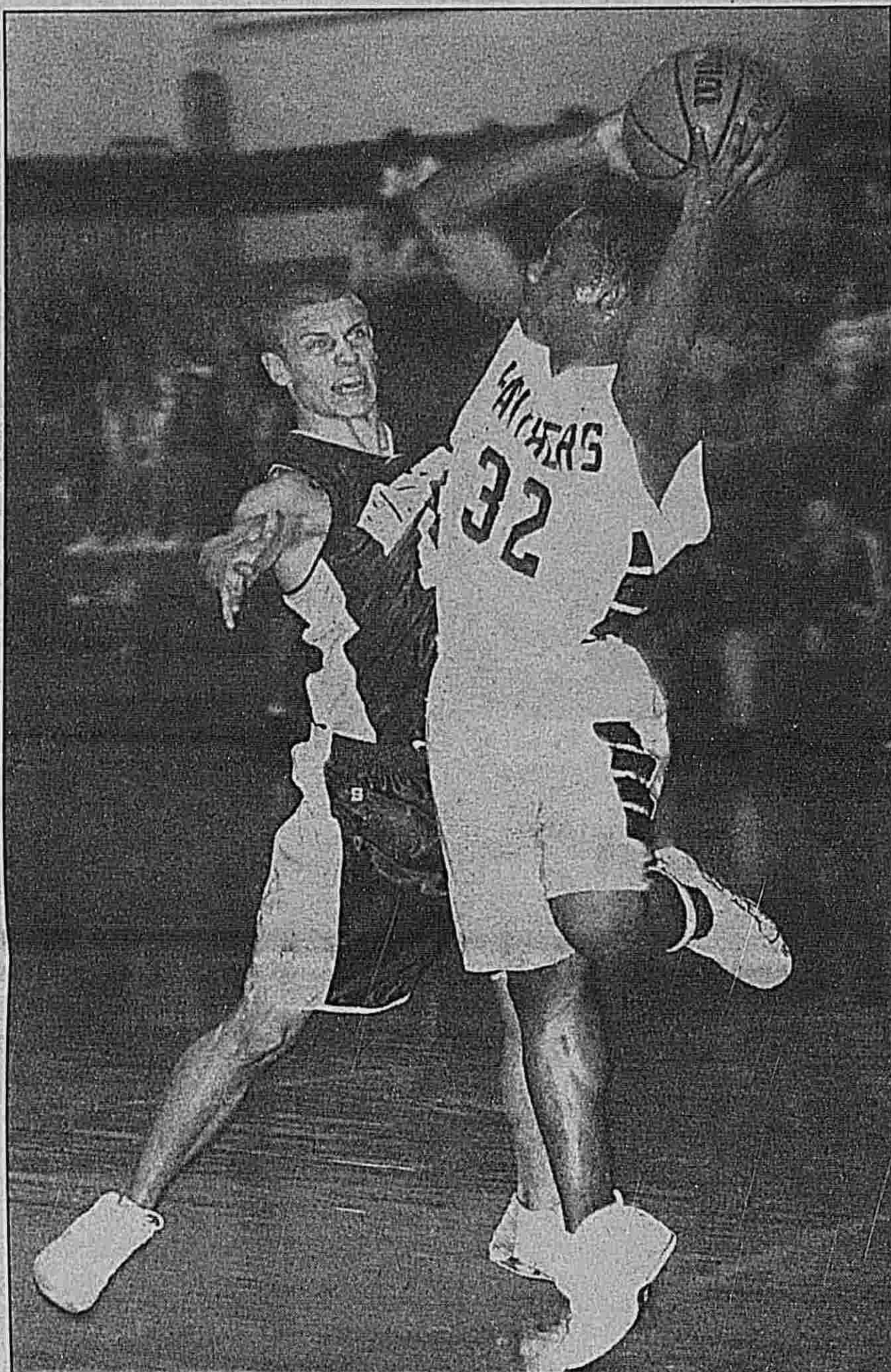


Photo by John Dickson

Craig Brock snatches a rebound and claims possession of the ball for Round Lake High School during the game against Wauconda High School. When the game was completed, Round Lake lost to Wauconda 70 - 46.

"We played hard, but we did not box out well and had too many turnovers. I thought Wauconda shot the ball well," said Round Lake coach Gary Edge. "We had some decent looks in the third quarter."

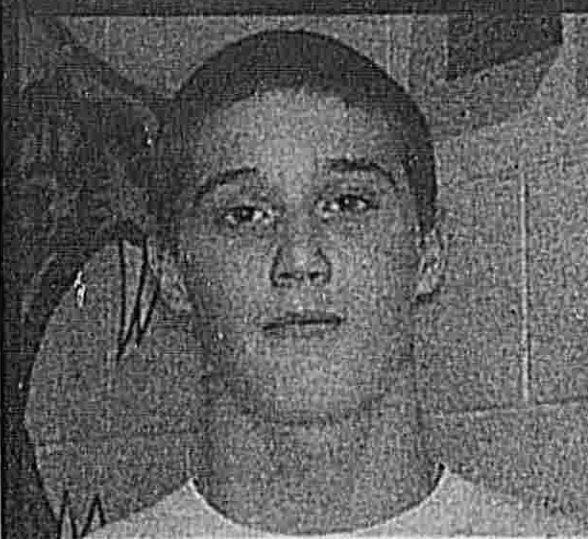
WHS jumped out to a 15-5 lead early, on a jumper by Kristen Kraus and a tip-in by Julia Slaughter. Krista Llewellyn's hoop in the final minute of the first half gave the home team a 21-12 lead. The third quarter was tough to watch for all concerned, as Wauconda man-

aged just three baskets to zero for Round Lake.

Round Lake began to find its shooting range in the second half, but it was too late after a scoreless third quarter. Lisa Walsh, a junior, led the Panthers off the bench with nine points. Erin Poynter, Amanda Fermo and Danielle Baczynski also added points in the final eight minutes.

Round Lake (0-7, 0-1) was coming off a 56-15 loss to Warren. "They are as good as advertised," Edge said of the Blue Devils.

PREP PROFILES



Ryan Barnard

After a tough 44-25 loss to Wauconda to begin North Suburban Conference Prairie Division action, Round Lake needed to recover on the wrestling mat.

The Panthers did just that, as seven of the nine competing at Deerfield's tournament earned places. A leader through it all has been 140 pound junior Ryan Barnard, who is 5-0.

"After we lost to Wauconda, I was disappointed, but Saturday was a good meet at Deerfield," said RL coach John Jobst.

Barnard beat Wauconda's Anthony Brown 5-0 then won his weight class with two pins at Deerfield.

Barnard was one of four Round Lake sectional qualifiers last year. "If I am on the bottom, I just want to explode until I get a point. If I am on top, I can be more calm," he said.

Barnard could tell something was amiss before the start of the match against Wauconda.

"I can tell by the way we wrestle during warm-ups," he said.

The team regrouped for a solid showing Saturday at Deerfield, he said.

"Ryan has been doing well. He is quite a leader on the team," Jobst said.

Barnard will go against Grant's Toby Temple at Grant Dec. 10.

Dillon Pousson, a forfeit winner for Round Lake at 103 over Wauconda, won two matches for the title at Deerfield; Derek Pousson was 2-0 at 112 at Deerfield after a pin over Derek Lovell of Wauconda; and Dustin Pousson was first at Deerfield after losing a tough 8-2 decision to Neal Swanson of Wauconda at 135. John O'Mara placed fourth at 119 for Round Lake at Deerfield and Josh Terrell was third at 152 after winning over Wauconda's John Champion at 160.

Round Lake faces area power Grant Dec. 10 in Fox Lake. "It will be a tough match, but I think we should compete with some match-ups," Jobst said.

Next it is at a tough Prospect meet with 11 other teams Dec. 11. -By Steve Peterson

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VERNON HILLS

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Cougars searching for 1st win

By Matt Pera
Sports Reporter

As the second quarter wound down in Vernon Hills' match up against Grant Dec. 2, the Cougars found themselves within striking distance, down 25-22.

But, with the final seconds ticking off the clock before halftime, Bulldogs guard Matt Beam caught the ball well behind the three-point line and sent up a prayer that hit nothing but net at the buzzer.

"He didn't even bend his arms," Vernon Hills head coach Matt McCarty said. "He just caught it above his head and it was a three from 23 feet out. He just caught it launched it and of course, the way things have been going for us, he swished it."

Those three points turned out to be the deciding factor, as the Cougars ended up losing the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division opener 47-44, dropping them to 0-5 on the season.

Despite Beam's momentum-building three at the end of the first half, Vernon Hills came out strong in the third quarter, frustrating the Bulldogs (1-3) offensively.

But McCarty added that his squad could not match their defensive effort on the offensive end.

"We held them scoreless during the first half of the third but we never gained anything and we only made one free throw in that span," he said. "There were a lot of possessions where we rushed shots."

The Bulldogs double-teamed junior center Bob Coy, who is Vernon Hills' leading scorer, for most of the game, holding him to a mere four points. Coy also struggled with foul trouble, which relegated him to the bench for a good portion of the game.

McCarty said Coy was not used to being the focus of the defense and had trouble adjusting.

"He's still trying to learn that role of being the guy and he's got to do a better job of expecting double teams now that he's making some noise in the scoring column," McCarty said.

The Cougars got within one point (37-36) midway through the fourth quarter but Grant point guard Mike Mauch hit a jumper and was fouled on the shot with just over five minutes remaining in the game.

He converted the free throw to put the Bulldogs up four points and Vernon Hills had trouble cutting into the lead.

The Bulldogs sank five more free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

"We won the third quarter and we were chasing them to cut it to three at start of fourth and they just made big free throws down the stretch," he said. "We just never got it down to a one possession game."

With Coy struggling on the inside, several guards stepped up their games.

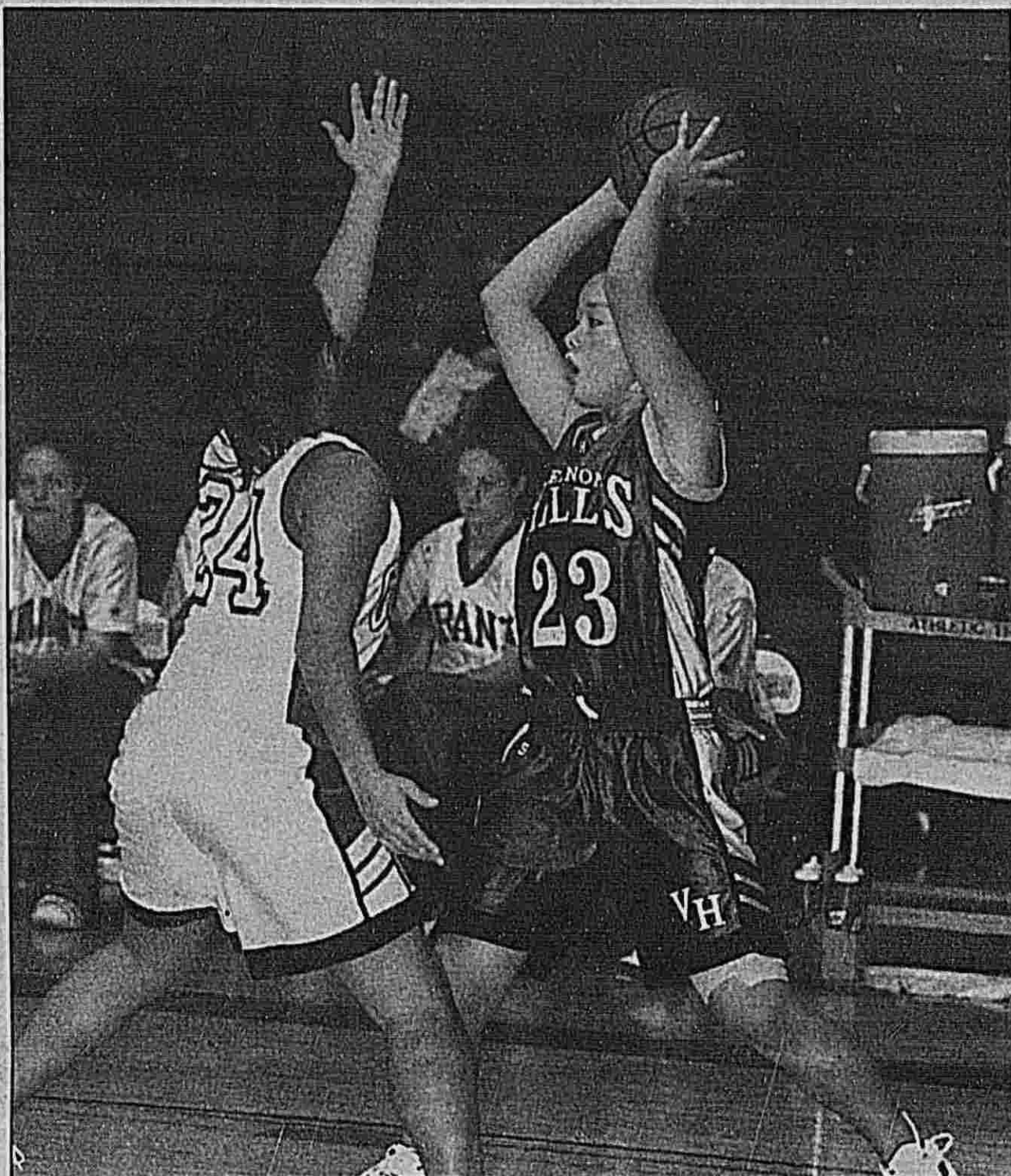


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Vernon Hills High School's Yeh-Eun Jin looks to pass the ball during a 48-22 loss for the Cougars.

Senior point guard Pat McKenna helped spark a 10-2 run for the Cougars to open the game, hitting two three-pointers and a jumper en route to a team-high 16 points.

Sophomore guards Tommy Bahnick and Casey Fijalkowski each notched eight points in the loss.

With Vernon Hills off to a rough start to the season, McCarty said his squad simply has to keep battling.

"We just have to come out and fight," he said. "We need to get a win and we need one now to sort of get this bad taste out of our mouth."

BOYS WRESTLING

The boys wrestling team won two out of their three matches at the Riverside-Brook Field quad Dec. 4.

The Cougars defeated the host team 54-15 and beat Northside Prep 60-21 before losing to

Hinsdale Central 45-19.

103-pounder Khalid Khayr and 145-pounder Jeremy Shaw both won all three of their matches. 171-pounder Gordon Scharf and 145-pounder Jeremy Shaw both went 2-1 on the day.

Vernon Hills will next take on North Chicago Dec. 10.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

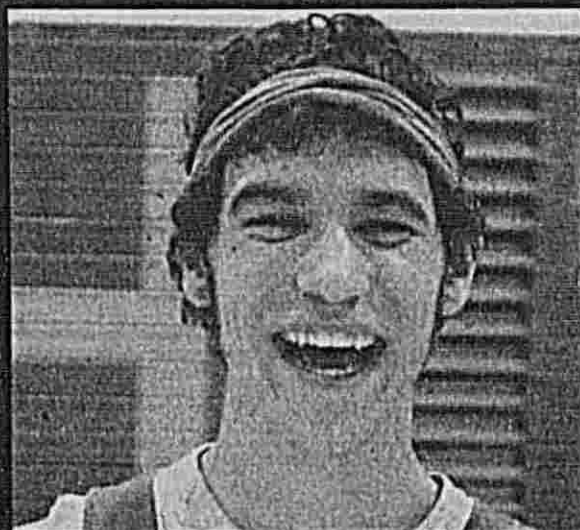
The girls basketball team had trouble finding their offense against Grant Dec. 4, losing 48-22.

The Cougars managed only eight points in the first half en route to the NSC Prairie Division loss.

Senior center Stephanie Hebda led Vernon Hills with eight points, while junior forward Amanda Goldberg added six.

The Cougars are now 0-8 on the season.

PREP PROFILES



Bob Coy

When Vernon Hills junior center Bob Coy makes an error, his coaches don't usually have to say much. Coy's inner coach does plenty of talking.

"He's pretty hard on himself," Cougars head coach Matt McCarty said. "Whenever he makes a mistake he always talks in the third person. If he misses a layup in practice he'll yell, 'Come on Bob!'"

Coy said the individual dialogue helps keep his energy up on the court.

"It's a habit," he said. "Sometimes it helps me motivate myself."

It was motivation that fueled Coy during the fall, when he would show up at the Vernon Hills' gym at 6 in the morning to work on his inside scoring and rebounding.

And the hard work is starting to payoff, as evidenced by his performance at the York Holiday tournament, where he averaged 13 points in four games. The average would have been a bit higher, but against Niles he had a tough game, shooting 1-11 from the field.

In the closing game of the tournament, against York, Coy came back with a solid 15-point, eight-rebound effort.

"He did things he didn't do last year," McCarty said of Coy's performance at the York tourney. "He did a great job with offensive rebounding. He attacked the basket, shot well from the free throw line. I could tell he matured and he kind of knows he's the guy this year. He's kind of turning the program around."

Coy, who was the starting center last season as well, said he has embraced the leadership role this year.

"I want to try and set a good example for the freshmen and sophomores," he said. "After this year I only have one more and the younger guys, it will be up to them. I hope to leave them off on a good note." —By Matt Pera

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Devils run past Mundelein

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Headed into the season, Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz was lauding his team's depth, feeling it was a nice luxury to have.

But following season-ending injuries to starters Giuleana Lopez (knee) and Kendra Payne (shoulder) that depth is proving to be a necessity. Key bench player Dennise DuPlessis is also out at least four to six weeks with a torn meniscus.

While Warren's bench was key in a 57-26 win over Mundelein last Saturday, it was the starting backcourt of TK LaFleur and Jessica Bollinger that came up biggest against the Mustangs.

Both players led the Devils (6-0) with 12 points each, while LaFleur had 5 steals and Bollinger added four assists and a pair of thefts. Brittney Jones (9 points, 3 rebounds) and Sarah Boothe (8 points, 4 boards) also had solid efforts.

"It was a total team effort today," Stanczykiewicz said. "We were very athletic off the bench today. And it's so nice to be able to bring in players like Brittney and Paula (Neiweem)."

Mundelein actually controlled the action throughout most of the first quarter, holding an 11-9 lead in the final seconds before LaFleur stole the inbound pass and connected on a layup with two seconds left in the quarter to tie the game. Jones had connected on a three-point play just seconds earlier to draw the game closer.

"I knew we had a few injuries and I knew I had to step up big," Jones said. "We have the best guards around. Who cares if one goes out, because our bench is so stacked."

What was a positive start for Mundelein went all downhill after that as Warren outscored the Mustangs 20-6 in the second quarter and 21-7 in the third to take a 52-24 lead into the final stanza. A free-throw from Jones at the start of the fourth gave Warren a 54-24 lead, putting the running clock rule into effect.

"I told the kids at the end of the first quarter that we were fortunate to be tied," Stanczykiewicz said. "So I told them to go out there and play our game and we did. For anyone wondering how we would play without Giuleana, I think we'll be okay."

BOYS BASKETBALL

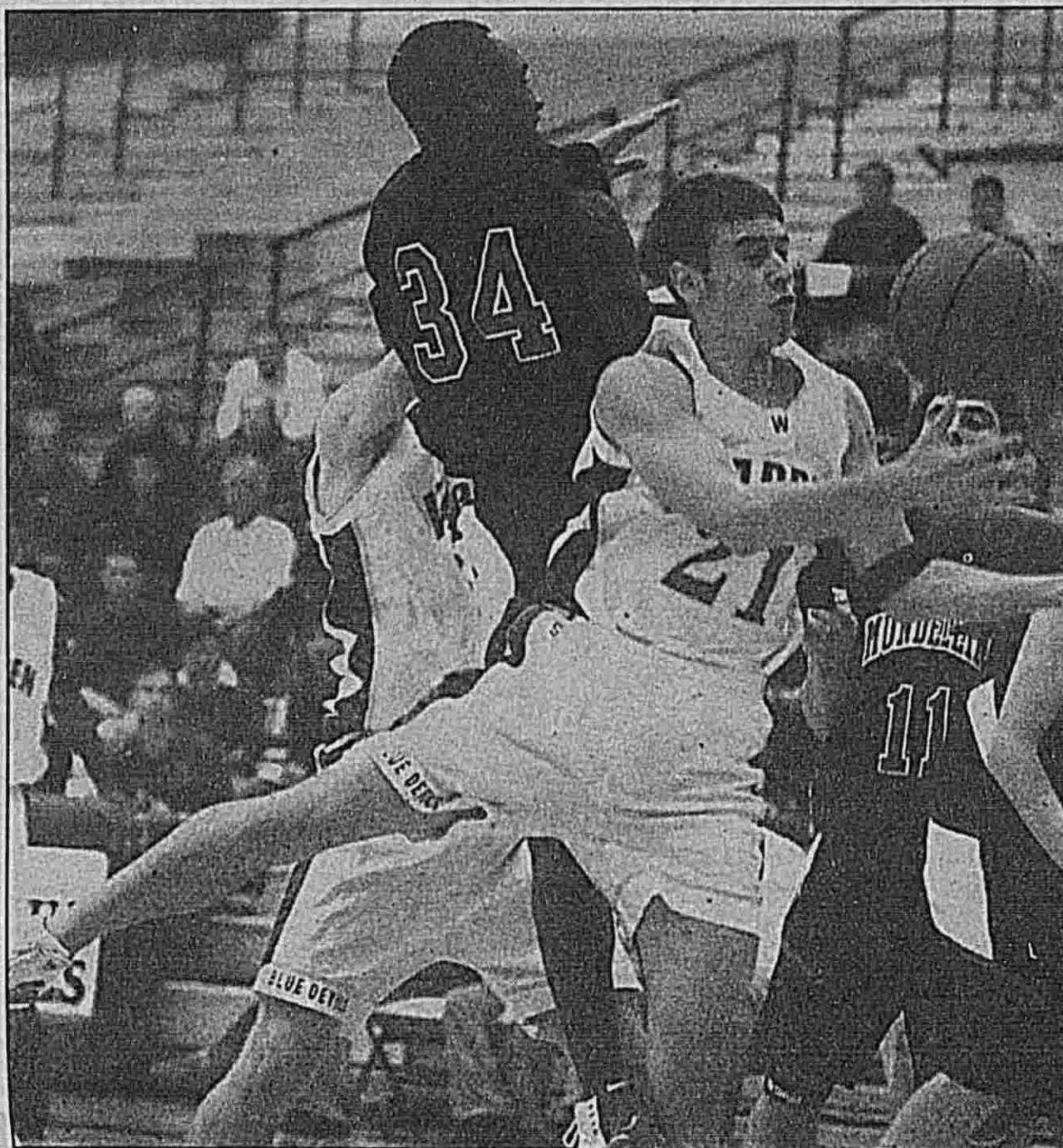
While the offense may have had its ups and downs, Warren High dominated with rebounding and defense and inspired play on a special night.

The Blue Devils improved to 4-0 on the season with a 63-33 win over Mundelein to start NSC Lake play.

Ceola Clark drew the assignment of stopping MHS's top player, Jake Gaebler. He and his teammates did just that, holding the talented senior to his uniform No. 11, with 11 points.

WTHS hosts Round Lake in cross-over action Dec. 11.

"We just play as a team. I called out the



Warren Township High School's Jamle Fischer attempts to grab the rebound over Mundelein's Andy Rochon during a 66-33 win for the Blue Devils.

screens and if he got past me, I knew that I had help," Clark said. "I'm also the safety on our trap."

Tough drills such as the slide and jumping rope help the Blue Devils get ready on defense. Playing on the Rising Stars AAU team also helped hone Clark's skills on defense. He finished with 4 points.

Warren once again had a 2-1 ratio to turnovers forced versus surrendered, 24 by Mundelein to just 11 by Warren.

"We were able to get good pressure on the ball tonight. Clark also played good defense Saturday (against Waukegan)," Ramsey said.

The rest of the team also did their assignments on defense, as Mitchell Moore also helped out on Gaebler.

Warren was struggling with a 6-2 lead but had numerous turnovers when Ramsey sent in the next wave. Five talented players coming in at one time was too much for the Mustangs.

The likes of Shannon Adams, Jamie Fischer, Jon Heneghan, Logan Derrick and others give the Blue Devils one of the best depth teams in Lake County. Fischer had 8 points and Adams 9 in their reserve roles. Derrick added 6.

Marvin Bemby and Marcus Lewis shared Warren's leading scorer honors with 12 points each.

"The six to 10 players made the difference," Ramsey said. "Our practices are pretty competitive."

After a 15-7 lead by Warren after one, the Blue Devils quickly doubled their lead in the second quarter. A bucket by sub Derrick gave Warren a 14-point lead and a lay-up by Marvin Bemby made it 31-15. Derrick, a sophomore, scored off a lay-up for a 34-16 halftime lead.

The game was well on its way to a 30-point lead and a running clock. Clark and senior Heneghan hit second half treys.

Warren dominated the rebounds, 28-13, with Clark leading with seven. Warren outshot Mundelein (1-3), 51-31 percent.

The Devils also topped Antioch 54-26 on Tuesday. Lewis led Warren with 16 points, while Bemby added 12.

WRESTLING

Warren placed 3rd with 420 points in the 16-team Early Bird Invite in Wisconsin last weekend. Joey Baruffi pinned four of his five opponents on his way to the title at 215 pound. Jon Gonzalez (2nd place), Jaime Jacobo (3rd), Scott Malagon (3rd), Ryan Brolley (4th), Justin Carlson (4th), Blake Johnson (5th), Brad Dietmeyer (5th) and Shawn Demming (5th) also had solid tournaments.

PREPFILES



Jessica Bollinger

Warren junior point guard Jessica Bollinger is used to being overshadowed by her own teammates.

As a freshman, she was charged with getting the ball to star Amy Peters, who's now playing at Bradley University. And last year, she played in the backcourt with TK LaFleur, who has signed to play Div. I basketball at the University of Nebraska.

But Bollinger doesn't mind playing second fiddle.

"Playing with a lot of talent makes me want to try harder," Bollinger said. "I want to push myself to be as good as them."

So despite having to share the spotlight with some more well-known players, Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz is convinced of one thing.

"She's been one of the best point guards in the county for the last two years and no one knows it," Stanczykiewicz said. "In my six years at Warren, she's been the best pure point guard I've coached."

That's because, according to Stanczykiewicz, Bollinger has all the skills a point guard should possess.

"She sees the floor extremely well," Stanczykiewicz said. "She has a very good shot, but she's not afraid to get the ball to open players."

"I try to be a team player; I'm not just out there for myself," Bollinger said. "An assist is just as good to me as a basket."

She's also an extremely good ball handler, or as Stanczykiewicz calls her, "a one-person press break."

But perhaps her biggest strength is her defense.

"She's shown for two-and-a-half years that she can defend anyone we ask her to," Stanczykiewicz said. "As a freshman she guarded Carmel's Jenny Eckhart in a Christmas tournament."

Of course, Bollinger has to constantly go up against LaFleur, one of the quickest guards in the area, in practice.

"It's a challenge. Playing against better players makes me play harder," Bollinger said. —By Rob Backus

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Her brother, Duffy, was one of the best. Jessie Middlesworth, a junior center, had 12 rebounds as Wauconda beat Round Lake 39-28. Duffy is busy studying English in Ireland now, hoping to be a writer. His younger sister could send a good report about her effort on offensive and defensive ends.

"Jessie has really picked up her game from last year. She has matured more and understands the game. It was over the summer that she started to figure it out," Bartusch said.

The game was a key one in terms of self-confidence of both teams. WHS gained its first division win since 2003, and is 1-6, and tied for first place, before a Dec. 10 battle at home with Lacey Simpson and Zion-Benton.

"We worked a lot on the shuffle drills. Coach said it would be good to get a good start in the division," said leading scorer Kristen Kraus, who finished with 10 points.

"With Kraus, it is her quickness, her and Krista Llewellyn," said WHS coach Tim Bartusch.

She shared that title with senior forward Llewellyn, who had the hot shooting touch early. "She has picked up her game with her confidence," Bartusch said.

"We played hard, but we did not box out well and had too many turnovers. I thought Wauconda shot the ball well," said Round Lake coach Gary Edge. "We had some decent looks in the third quarter."

"It feels really good to get the first 'w.' We knew we had to box out. Sometimes it is hard in there, because you get beat up a lot," said Julia Slaughter, who finished with 11 boards. "We just talked about what we have to do for the next game. We're making progress."

WHS jumped out to a 15-5 lead early, on a jumper by Kraus and a tip-in by Slaughter. Llewellyn's hoop in the final minute of the first half gave the home team a 21-12 lead. The third quarter was tough to watch for all concerned, as Wauconda managed just three baskets to zero for Round Lake.

Wauconda had shown signs of improvement in a 56-43 loss to Glenbrook North. Kraus had 17 points, Llewellyn 9 and Clare Pedersen and Middlesworth had eight each.

Wauconda's own tourney, where it traditionally does well, starts Dec. 11, 14 and 16.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wauconda High boys basketball fans can look for some high-energy offense throughout this season.

The Bulldogs have hit the 70-point level and started the week in first place in the NSC Prairie Division. Wauconda was paced by 18 points from Tim Schwarz and 14 from Hawk

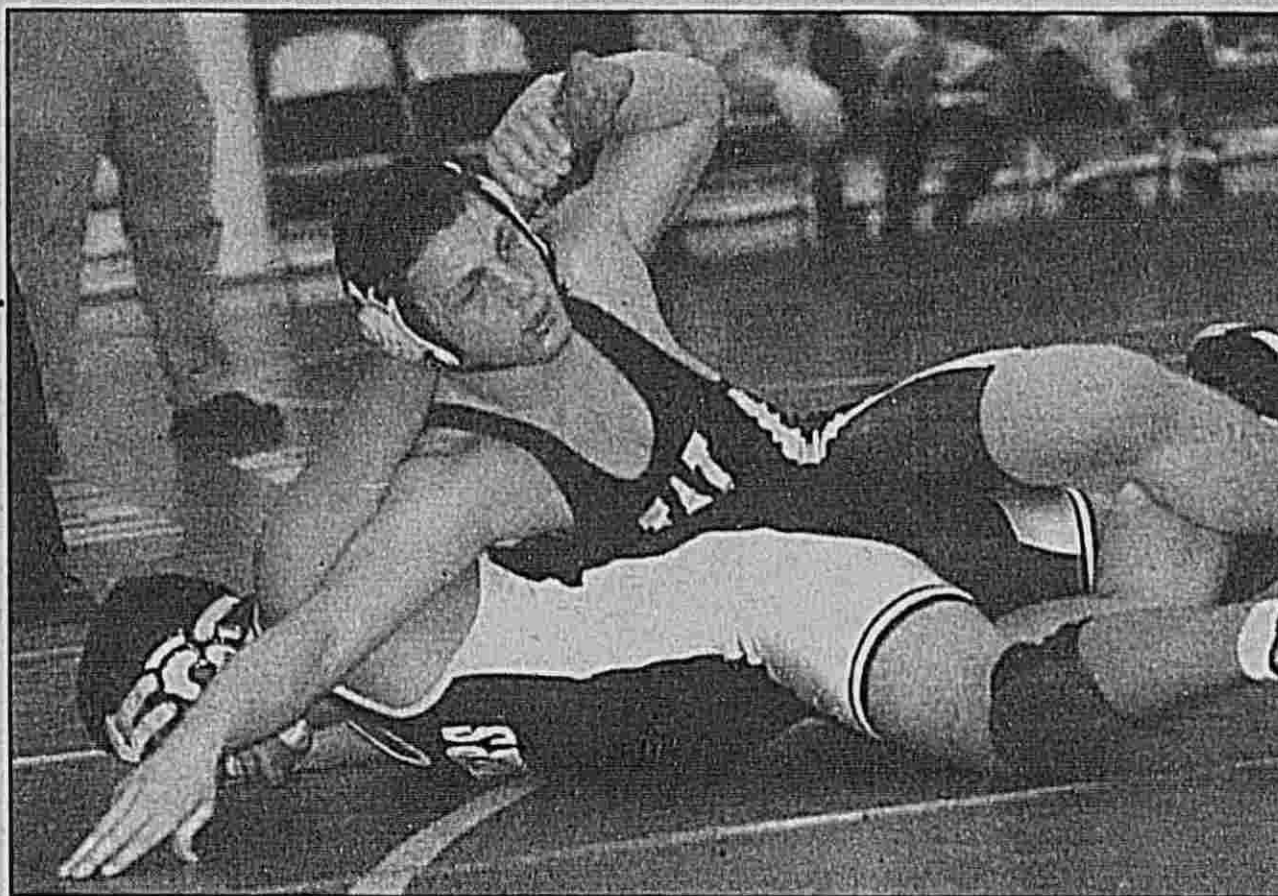


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Josh Eckmann, a junior at Wauconda High School, works to pin Round Lake High School junior, Rodger Jimdar.

Haiduke in a 70-46 pasting of Round Lake.

The Panthers (0-4) kept the game close on a 19-19 deadlock, before Wauconda opened the lead in the second half. Jordan Paulsen scored 19 points for Round Lake, all in the first half.

"Schwarz is a 6-2 junior guard who may get into the flow offensively from a number of different spots.

"He can get shots off steals or out of the offense," said WHS coach Rich Wolf. "I'm not concerned about our offense because we know we have three or four guys who can score pretty well. Schwarz gets some points off steals as well as three-pointers. We have a variety of weapons. I am concerned about our defense."

Points off transition helped the Bulldogs against the Panthers.

Wauconda has another thing going for it as it reached the .500 mark at 2-2.

"We just have much better chemistry on our team this year," Wolf said. "The kids are feeling confident."

Wauconda battled Zion-Benton to start NSC Prairie play Dec. 7 in the lone home game of 2004. WHS is at Antioch Dec. 11 before the start of the always-tough Jacobs Christmas tournament starting Dec. 18.

WRESTLING

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The Bulldogs lost to Crystal Lake Central.

Arroyo started his 24 hours with an 8-4 win over Round Lake's John O'Mera at 119 pounds. He then earned a pin in just 24 seconds over Elgin, earned an 16-2 major decision over Evanston, but lost to CLC.

"He is starting to show some maturing on his part as far as the mental aspect of the game and that is good to see," Wauconda coach Tom Nance said of Arroyo. "With Neal and Nick, that gives us a great one, two, three punch."

Against Round Lake, Neal Swanson won 8-2 over Dustin Pousson at 135. Nick Swanson had pinned James Hoffman at 125.

Wauconda also gained wins from Andrew Baker (4-0 last week) at 189. Baker is 9-0. The Bulldogs; and Russell Tobaka won a tough 12-8 win over Round Lake's Corey Case.

Tom O'Driscoll at 130 also had a strong stretch, Nance said. He beat Anthony Whiteside of Round Lake, Evanston and gained a win over Crystal Lake Central. "The CLC wrestler reportedly had placed in nationals. Tommy looked good for his debut as a varsity wrestler."

Nick and Neal Swanson were their usual consistent selves at Evanston. Neal won by pin in 3:20 over Elgin, and in 1:05 over Evanston as well as over CLC. Nick, at 125, won by pin over Elgin and Evanston but lost a close decision to CLC.

Wauconda battles at Zion-Benton Dec. 10 before taking on mighty Grant Dec. 15 at home.

The sophomore team took home second place at the McHenry tournament. Champs were Max Bernard, Jason Houst, Steven Kent and Robert Champion.

PREPFILES



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Nick Swanson, at 125 pounds, had a 4-0 run, starting with a pin over Round Lake. He then earned another pin in 2:13 over Elgin before a third pin in a win over Evanston in 3:25. The fourth win was again by pin, over Crystal Lake Central's wrestler, in 1:35. Swanson was fourth at the first big meet of the year at Barrington.

"My goal this year is to try to get to 30 plus wins and qualify for state. I worked on a lot of stuff over the summer and tried to improve," Nick Swanson said.

"I just try to get my head into the match and get pumped up," Swanson said of pre-match preparation. Swanson, a sophomore, has already established a name for himself as a determined soccer player as well.

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"He (Carlos Martin) definitely set the tone early."

Brian Colbert
Waukegan boys' hoops coach



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Gaiter, Frazier lead Bulldogs' charge

By Nicholas Alajakis

Sports Reporter

With the stands rocking and the fans cheering loudly, Waukegan forward Emanuel Gaiter said last Saturday's showdown against North Chicago felt like a sectional game.

So he put on a show.

With the Bulldogs down 9-7 midway through the first quarter, Gaiter took over. By halftime he would have scored 14 of his 23 points as Waukegan led 37-21. And they didn't look back, cruising to a 78-45 victory.

Making that early run was very important for the team, Gaiter said. A team like North Chicago, that can shoot well, will be a pest if they stick around. Having a large crowd cheer his every basket only made it better, Gaiter said.

"It was lovely," he said about the atmosphere, against their neighbors to the south.

Waukegan got their fans involved almost immediately. Just seven seconds into the game senior guard Laron Frazier hit his first of four three pointers to put the crowd in a frenzy.

Minutes later however, North Chicago took the lead and the momentum, until Gaiter tied the score. From there Waukegan would go on a 21-6 run, led by Gaiter and Frazier, who exchanged baskets, while Dexter Landry and Carlos Martin provided defensive pressure, which led to 10 North Chicago turnovers in the first half.

Martin, a normally a reserve, started Saturday's game and really pleased coach Brian Colbert.

"He definitely set the tone early," Colbert said. "I am very pleased."

The second half was much of the same. North Chicago went on a short run three minutes in, to bring the game within 15, but the Bulldogs were too much. In between more baskets by Gaiter and Frazier, who ended with 28, Tyrell Edwards scored all four of his points.

With less than three minutes in the game Waukegan officially put the dagger in their opponents, when they scored six straight points and instituted the running clock rule.

Afterward, Colbert said he was happy with his team's performance, particularly the way his two stars were able to keep the team together.

While Frazier and Gaiter did score 51 of the team's 78 points, they also did not force any passes they did not have, Colbert said.

In the past they have tried to get teammates involved, on plays where it wasn't necessary, and the team made unnecessary turnovers.

The North Chicago game may have been the most anticipated game of the week of for Bulldogs, but it wasn't the only one. On Dec. 2 they defeated Maine West 71-53, behind a 27-point effort by Frazier, and three three-pointers by Martin.

Gaiter and Edwards dominated the glass in the Maine West game, getting 11 and nine

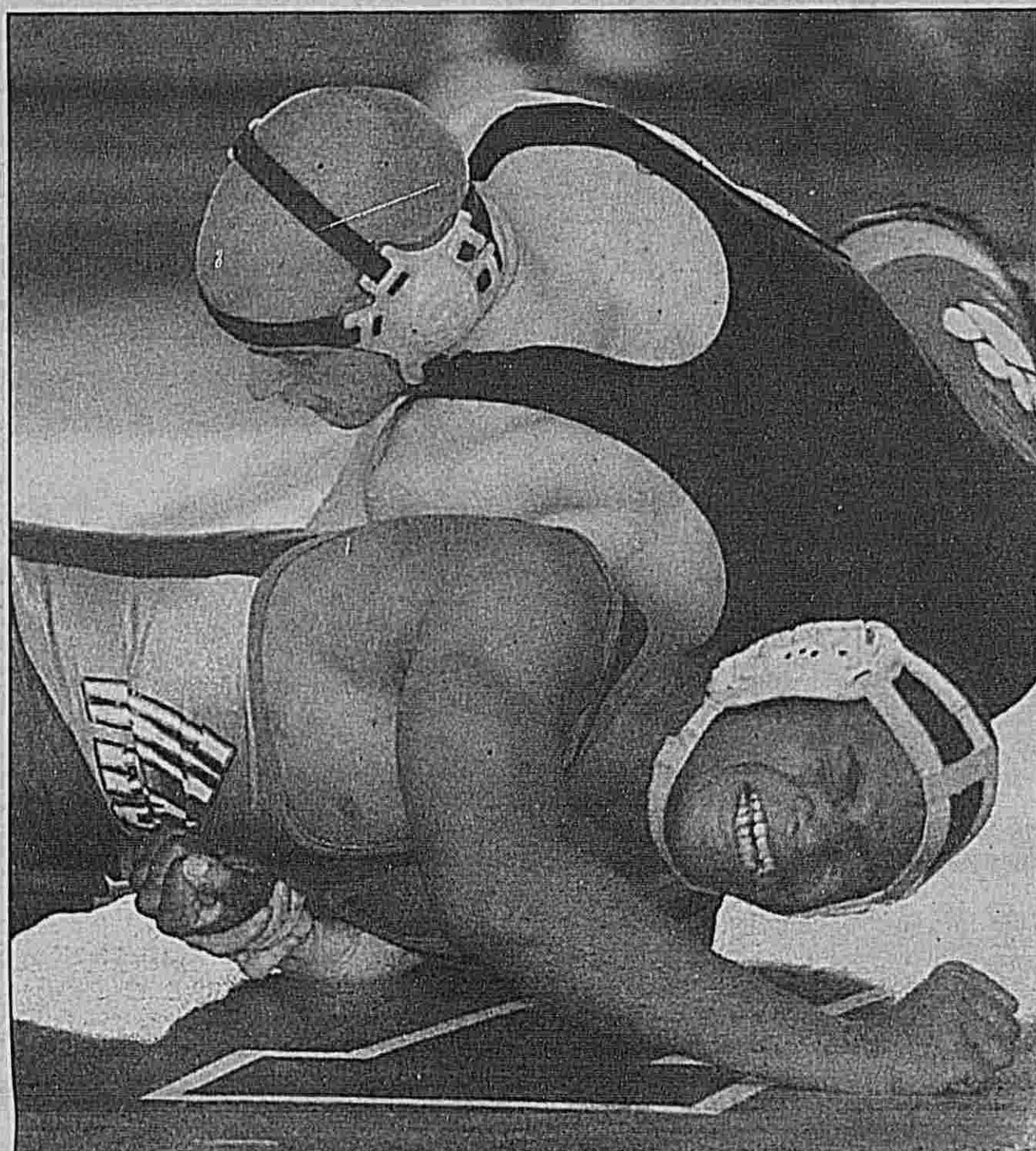


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Waukegan High School's Curtis Hines grimaces under the pressure of Grant's Erik Horvath during a tournament at Waukegan's East Gymnasium.

rebounds respectively.

Then on Dec. 7 they humiliated Maine East 97-33. Frazier and Gaiter again led the scoring with 21 and 20 points respectively. Ricky Miller added 11.

In the upcoming week, Waukegan plays host to New Trier and Glenbrook South on consecutive Fridays.

WRESTLING

Going into last weekend's quad against Glenbard North, Grant and Stevenson, Waukegan coach Steve Welter knew his team was going to face tough competition.

And that's what they got.

"They took us to the cleaners," Welter said. Waukegan managed to win only four matches against Stevenson and Glenbard North. Against Grant they won just three matches.

The night before, however, was a little

more successful.

In their first CSL match of the year the Bulldogs defeated Evanston 49-23. Winners for Waukegan were Marvin Reddick (119 points), Adrian Cervantes (125), Tracy Corbin (130), Todd Sorenson (135), Israel Figueroa (145), Curtis Hines (171), Vernon Smith (189), Dennis Walsh (215) and Jon Bonn (275).

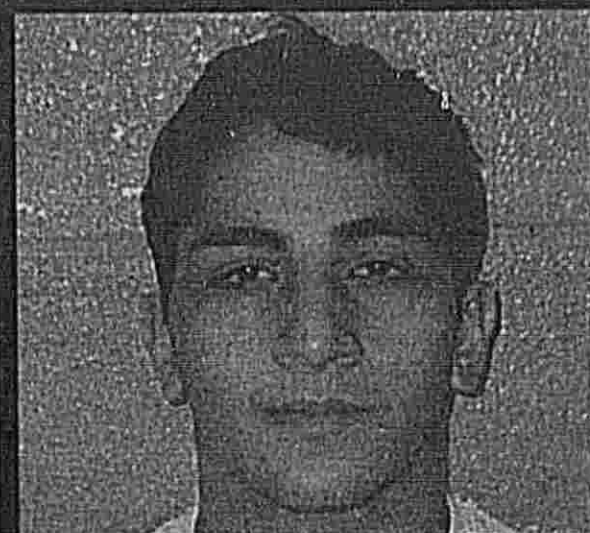
GIRLS BASKETBALL

Waukegan's struggles continued this week, with losses to CSL foes Evanston and Maine South.

On Dec. 3 they lost to Maine South 51-29. In an almost identical score, Evanston beat them on Dec. 7 48-29. Ashley Daniels led the team with 10 points against Evanston.

In both games the team missed easy opportunities on fast breaks, said Coach Colette Erbach. The team also had problems holding on to the ball.

PREP PROFILES



Israel Figueroa

Waukegan wrestler Israel Figueroa is happy to announce that he HATES wrestle-backs.

"You don't want to get into them," Figueroa said. "They put you in a hole."

Wrestle-backs is a term given to the consolation bracket at wrestling meets. When a wrestler loses his first round match he is placed in a bracket with all other wrestlers who have lost, and he has a chance to essentially win five straight matches to take third place.

Being in that situation is rough, Figueroa said. That's why he tries to avoid it. Figueroa successfully avoided wrestle-backs at the prestigious Barrington Invitational two weeks ago. With more than 30 wrestlers weighed in at his 145-pound class, he said he knew he had to do something to avoid falling behind.

So he won his first match. Then his second, and his third, and before he knew he was in the championship match. Ultimately, he would take second place, but Figueroa said it beat going the other route.

He didn't go into the tournament looking to win, Figueroa said. In stead, he said he took it one match at a time, until he got himself in a good position.

The "one match at a time" attitude is something Figueroa said he'd like to take into all his competitions this season. While fighting a knee injury last season, as a sophomore, he missed out on qualifying for sectionals by one match. Now he's trying hard to make up for it, and is staying injury free.

Figueroa's coach Steve Welter said he thinks Figueroa is showing more toughness and has taken a more serious approach to wrestling. In turn, he has been setting himself up for better results.

"It's all mental. It's what gets you motivated," Figueroa said. —By Nicholas Alajakis

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Shawn Chism
CLC men's basketball coach



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Lancers win despite tight 1st half

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

With a No. 9 ranking in the NJCAA national poll, College of Lake County men's head basketball coach Shawn Chism is holding his team to a high standard.

And that is why he was not in the best of moods Tuesday night.

Sure, his Lancers had just blown out Rock Valley College 104-86, raising their record to 11-1, but Chism said his squad still had a lot to work on.

"It almost feels like we lost the game," he said.

The major problems, Chism said, stemmed from the team's lackadaisical effort in the first half and the fact that several players argued with the referees through much of the game.

"Rock Valley kept coming back," he said. "After awhile the talent level does show but it's just the way it happens. It's too sloppy."

After the Lancers jumped out to a quick 9-2 lead to open the contest, the Golden Eagles came back with a 16-2 run of their own to go up 18-11.

CLC finally regained some momentum when sophomore forward Kenny Saunders threw down a fast break dunk. Freshman forward Tony Murdock followed that up with a driving baseline layup and freshman guard Jose Garcia knocked down a jumper to pull the Lancers to within three.

Freshman guard Bobby Tisdale entered the game for CLC right after Garcia's shot, which put all the team's starters on the bench.

Chism said he took out the starting five because they were having trouble cracking Rock Valley's match-up zone.

"That first group, they were just scared to get in the gaps," he said. "(Rock Valley) was giving us some gaps to get into but they wouldn't get into the gaps. Then (CLC freshman guard) Jerod Harris came into the game and he was aggressive and he started breaking some things down."

Harris finished the game with ten points on 75 percent shooting.

While the Lancers struggled to put the Eagles away in the first half, they erased all doubt in the second.

CLC put together an 11-4 run after half-time to make the score 52-36 and Rock Valley never recovered.

Murdock scored 13 of his team-high 17 points in the second half to pace the Lancers. He also tallied nine rebounds and two assists on the night.

"He plays with energy," Chism said of Murdock. "He plays with passion and he truly loves to play basketball. I know he's going to give us 100 percent. You can't trade what he brings to us off the bench."

CLC also had solid efforts from sophomore center Aaron Jones (11 points, 10 rebounds), sophomore forward Erin McMillan

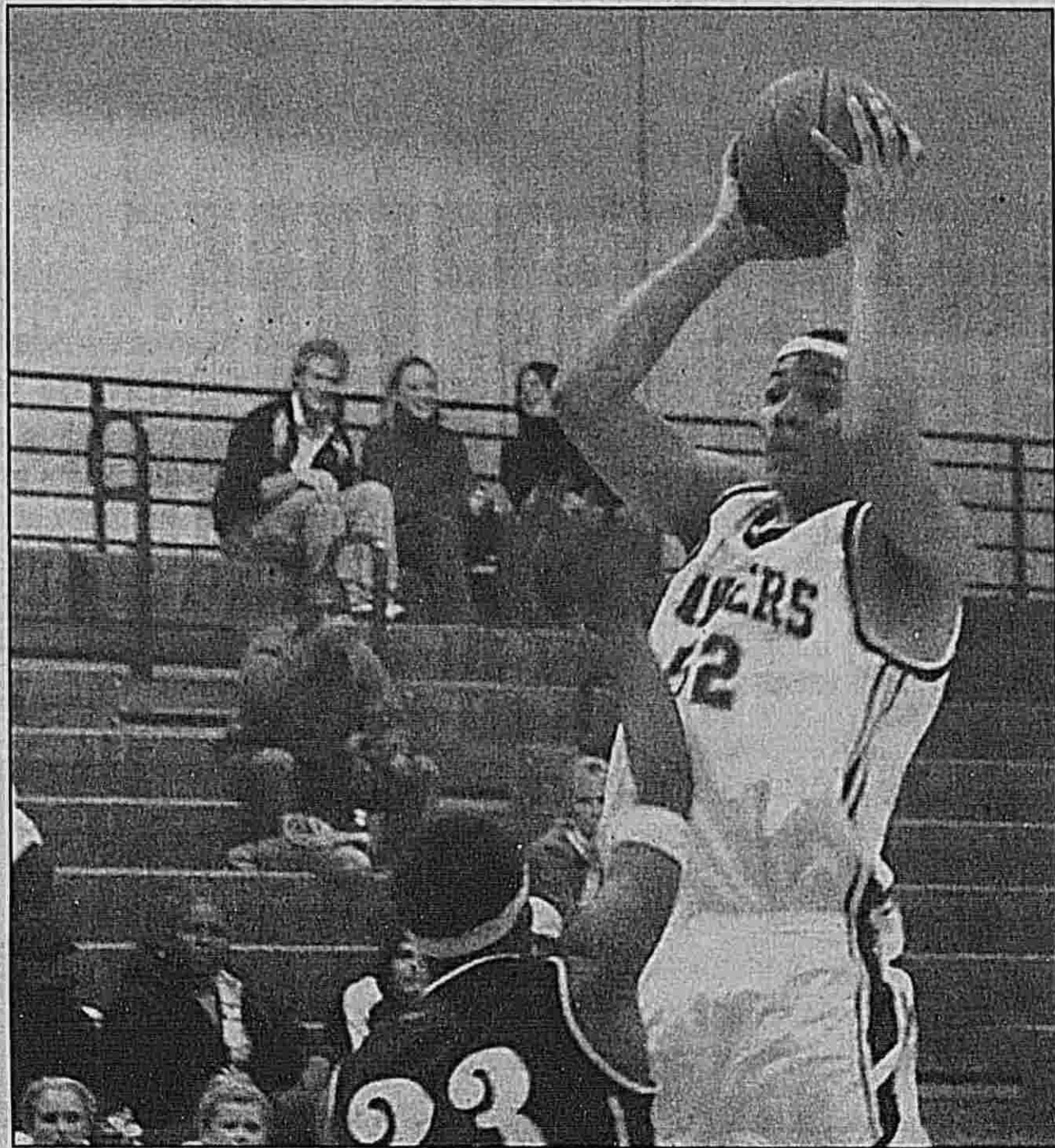


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College of Lake County's Aaron Jones takes a jump shot while playing against the Rock Valley College Golden Eagles. CLC defeated Rock Valley 104-86.

(12 points, five rebounds, three blocks) and Garcia (11 points, two steals).

But Chism's frustration with his players was evident when he called a timeout with just over three minutes to play and the Lancers up 86-71, giving the team an animated speech about arguing calls by the refs.

"They weren't focused tonight," Chism said. "They get so wrapped up in the referees and stuff that doesn't matter. We've got enough talent where it doesn't matter about the referees. There's no referee that's going to beat us."

The Lancers have two games left then take a month-long break (Dec. 11-Jan. 11) before conference play begins. And Chism said the Lancers have to realize they are now taking the floor as marked men.

"Everybody is coming behind us nipping at us, trying to get at us and nobody is really in front," he said. "Before (this season) we've always had people in front, trying to get over those people. But now because there's no body really in front, we are our own worst enemy right now."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Turnovers have been the main contributor to the troubles of the CLC women's basketball team this season, in which they got off to a tough 0-9 start.

But the Lancers were finally able to cut those down Dec. 7 when they took on Rock Valley College and committed only ten turnovers.

The efficiency on offense led to the CLC's first win of the season, a 52-46 decision over the Golden Eagles.

Freshman center Nicole Schroeder led the Lancers with a double-double, scoring 17 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Freshman forwards Jessica Plasecki and Gwenette Jamerson added eight and nine points respectively for CLC.

Rock Valley sophomore forward Kris Kline was the Eagles leading scorer with 18 points.

The Lancers will look to continue their winning ways Dec. 9 when they host on Illinois Valley College.

PROFILES



Austin Yarc

With about two minutes to go in the CLC men's basketball team's 104-86 route of Rock Valley College Dec. 7, sophomores Austin Yarc and Kenny Saunders tagged on an exclamation point.

Yarc threw a perfect pass right at the rim for the 6-7 Saunders, who caught it in midair and threw it down for a thunderous dunk.

Yarc, the team's starting point guard, said plays like that are what gets the team, along with the fans, into the game.

"Watching Kenny dunk makes everyone happy," he said with a laugh. But plays like that almost didn't happen this year.

After struggling last season on a Lancers' squad that went 16-16, Yarc considered hanging up his sneakers and giving up basketball for good. He said he barely even shot around for nearly three months.

But as this season got underway, Yarc said he started hearing a buzz about the 2004 Lancers. He ran into former CLC teammate Quentin Herring, who told him CLC Head Coach Chism had assembled a squad this year that could run with anyone.

Saunders and 6-7 sophomore forward Erin McMillan transferred in this year. Combined with 6-7 freshman Tony Murdock and 6-7 sophomore center Aaron Jones, the opportunity was too good to pass up.

And besides the talent level, Yarc said team camaraderie has been a key to the team's 11-1 start.

Chism added Yarc is an important element to the Lancers' success.

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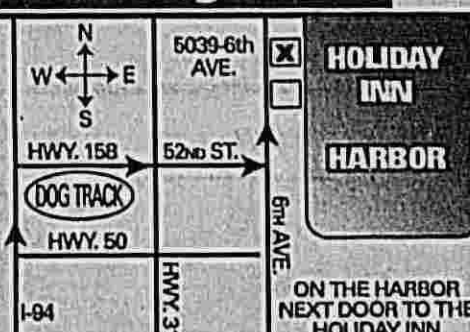
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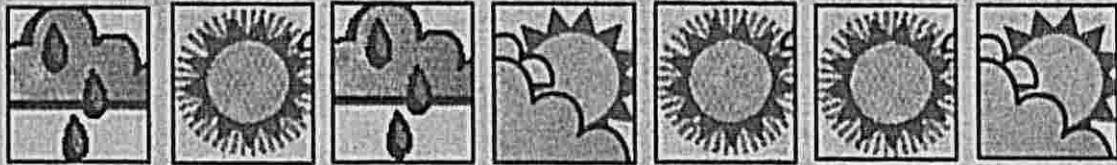
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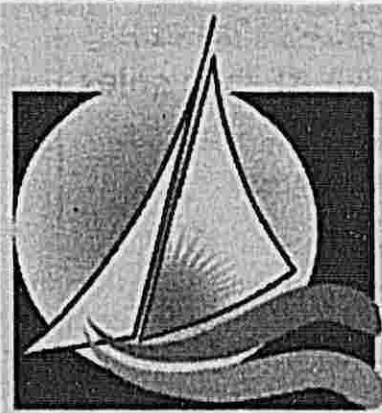
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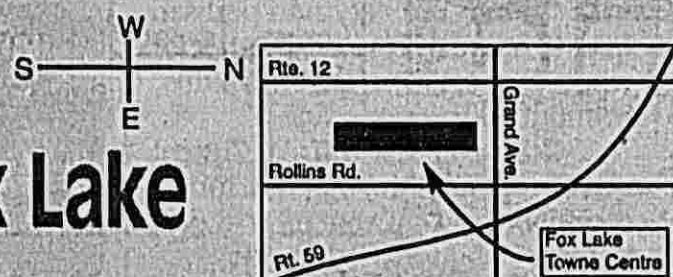
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THEATER

Anderson said. "Who needs Chicago?"

Having once taken her son to see a Genesee showing of "Old Yeller" that left them both in tears, Doris Reeves said she was "thrilled" to accompany her 10-year-old granddaughter Molly Casey to a more upbeat performance. "There's no comparison, it's so beautiful now," Reeves said, marveling at the lobby's grand chandelier. "It was always a pretty theater, but now it's gorgeous."

The marquee's radiance matched the expressions of the theater's patrons, said State Sen. Terry Link (D-Waukegan), who serves on the Friends of the Historic Genesee Theatre board of directors. "People have been waiting for this for years, and you could see the joy and excitement on everyone's faces that they saw it come to fruition."

Dressed in a tuxedo that led Cosby to warn, "Better keep an eye on him," Mayor Richard Hyde thanked the theater's many volunteers while celebrating a "fabulous" night.

Having received news that a Gurnee restaurant had seen business triple earlier in the night due to Cosby's performance, Hyde predicted that "This is going to spread, and I think it's great not only for Waukegan, but for the rest of the county. It's just something that's going to get better and better."

Fortune smiled right on time for Waukegan police officer David Boehn, who brought his young daughter Taylor downtown to witness the spectacle. While visiting his department friends stationed across the street from the theater, David was approached by a man offering free tickets to the 6:30 show, and the Boehns took their seats just before Cosby took the stage.

"It's amazing," Taylor said of the show. "I've never seen a famous person before."

Younger residents such as Rebecca Neal enjoyed the formal fashion opportunities afforded by an opening night gala event in her hometown. "My boyfriend was like, 'I don't want to dress like this, it's Waukegan,'" said the 28-year-old Neal, who joked that the theater's \$7 alcoholic drinks confirmed for her that "we are on the map." "I said, 'Exactly, it's Waukegan and that's how we're going to dress.'"

With the theater bearing hopes that its future success will serve as a catalyst for downtown and lakefront revitalization, Andy Campbell balanced his city's great expectations with one night's reality. "This downtown, I can remember as a seven or eight-year-old kid, was filled with throngs of people, then it turned into a ghost town. Now it's back to throngs, at least for now."

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Above—Suzi Schmidt shares a laugh with her mother, Lou Reyes, and Susie Link after being re-elected chairwoman of the Lake County Board during a re-organizational meeting at the Lake County Building. Below—Pam Newton is all smiles as she is congratulated for being voted Lake County Forest Preserve Vice-President by President Bonnie Thomson Carter.

FOREST

Nixon. Twenty-one years of experience (and) someone who has seen it all. And it would be an honor to serve with her as chairman," Spielman said.

Cunningham praised Nixon for her good character.

"I've been knowing Audrey for seven years. She is a hard worker and would be a great president of the forest preserve. She is a Christian worker. She is a beautician. She has served Lake County for 21 years. She is honest and she is fair. And I am asking you all to please let Audrey have this seat. She will work hard for all of Lake County," Cunningham said.

After the meeting, Nixon was gracious in defeat. "I'm sorry that I didn't pull the votes but this is over and done with now and we still have lots of work to do. We are still serving the residents of Lake County," Nixon said.

State Senator Terry Link (D-Waukegan) is the head of the Lake County Democratic party and he expressed his disappointment at the election. "Unfortunately this was politics at its worst and at its lowest level," Link said.

Link added that the county board is now into bi-partisan politics and that Republicans strong-armed their members to get them to elect only Republicans.

"People are getting tired of this," Link said.

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COUNTY

ing ovation.

"This is going to be an exciting two years. We have absolutely no new board members which will make it much easier to run our board," Schmidt said.

"There is plenty of room for everybody on this board. What really does my heart good is that I see Democrats and Republican here. Lake County is a very non-partisan board and we truly work together for what is best for Lake County," Schmidt said.

Michael Talbott (R-Lake Zurich) was elected to be the vice-chair of the county board by a vote of 17-6 over Carol Spielman (D-Highland Park.)

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Reviews, relief mark Genesee gala

Who's who of county at opening

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

After Bill Cosby stepped out from the spotlight following an extended second set, many of those who helped bring the Genesee Theatre's reopening to fruition took the stage themselves to celebrate the occasion.

Founders Circle members and patrons who purchased the \$250 tickets attended a black-tie gala reception bathed in the theater's green and blue stagelights. With potted poinsettias stacked high and a chocolate fountain flowing, the theater boosters found an inviting environment to talk about the culmination of their fundraising and organizational efforts.

Having helped to organize the gala festivities, Friends of the Historic Genesee Theatre board of directors member Susan Link said the reception gave "a final opportunity for people to celebrate" with shared senses of joy and relief that the evening went off as planned.

"I think everybody was on such a high that if you ended it, with the folks who've worked on it, that would have been a disappointment," Link said.

Sampling the Christmas-themed treats near the 120-pound

fountain, city environmental counsel Jeff Jeep discussed hearing interest from investors regarding downtown restaurant ventures. "It's such a wonderful capping to an already wonderful evening," Jeep said of the gala. "It just shows the level of support you have for this theater in the community."

Four years of work led to a more impressive theater than he had imagined, said Friends board of directors member Fred Abdula. Even with the theater now open and running shows, Abdula said that anyone interested in promoting and raising money for the theater could still contact the Friends group and join their efforts.

Several patrons from outside Waukegan effused praise and made contacts connected with theater and city business. Others, like former Genesee executive director Jim Neal, savored the moment as he discussed the realization of his "25-year dream" to re-open the theater.

Relaxing with family near one of the white-clothed tables, Neal said he felt that his life goal had been achieved. "To win in front of all obstacles, in spite of everything, is great."

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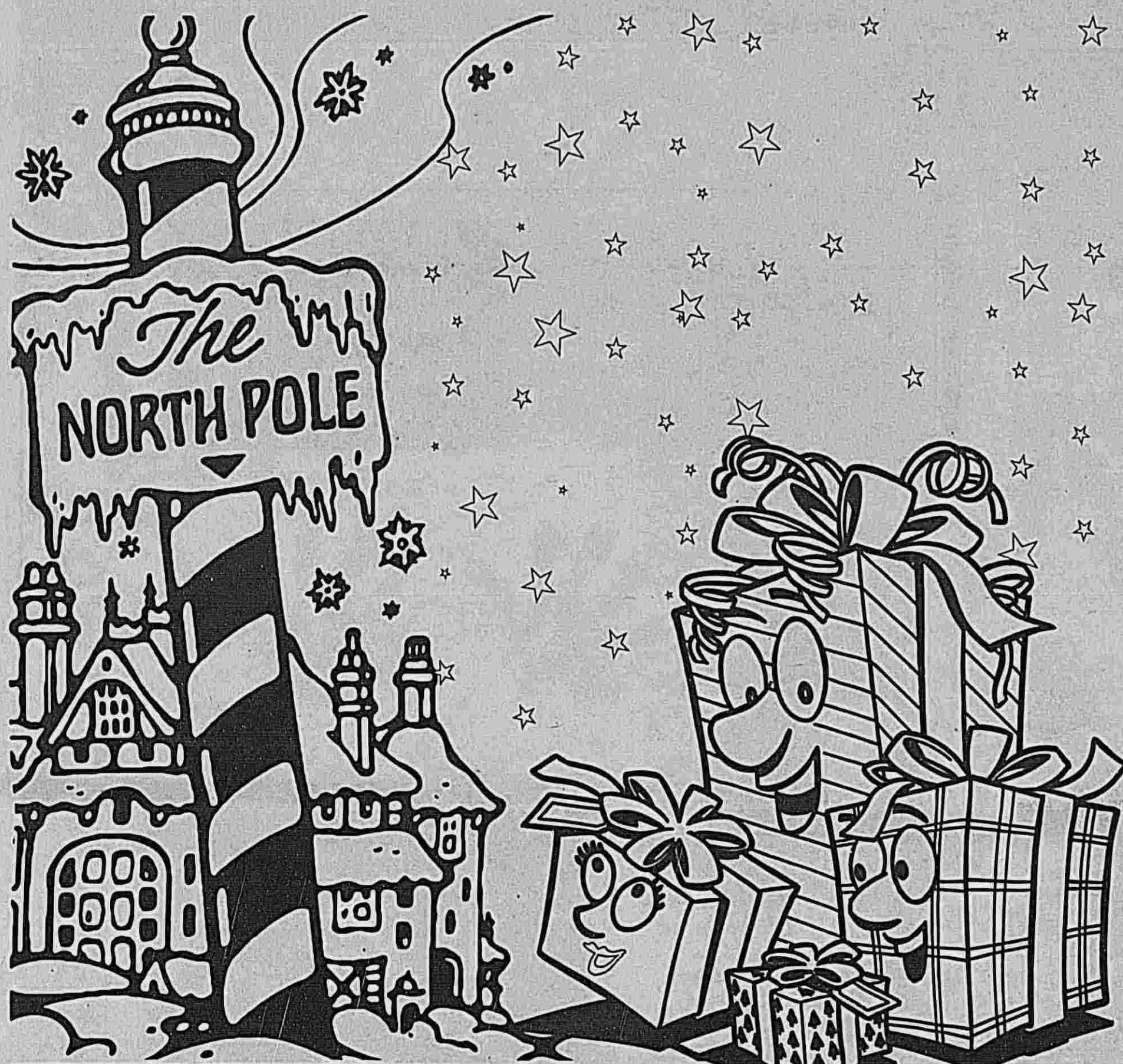
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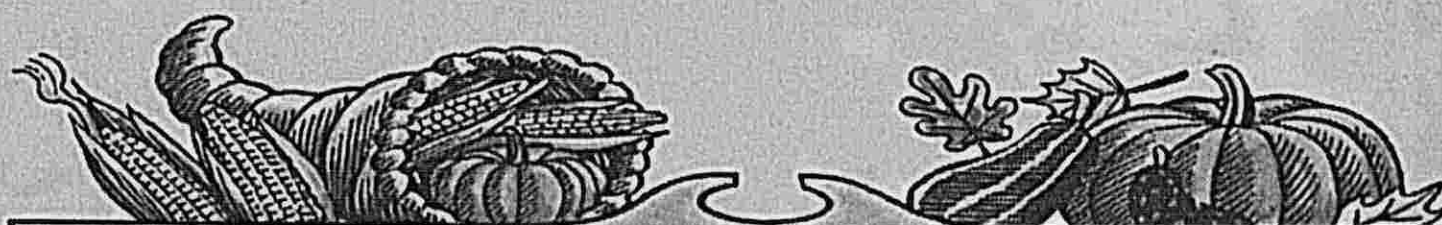
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Gossip, Spin and Office Politic
By Scott T. Fleischmann

"I'm sick of this place. People constantly gossip. They talk about their latest achievements, the failures of others, and distort the facts on everything. They have no regard for the political or spiritual beliefs of others. They are critical, callous and cruel. I love my job but the gossip is killing me."

It appeared that this friend had been the victim of the office rumor mill. Although he had no knowledge that vitriol was directed at him, one can safely assume that if others are the subjects of this dastardly deed it is only a matter of time before our opportunity is realized.

Although he made a decision to avoid these water cooler conversations, he could hear them from his office and as he walked the halls. He was offended. As a deeply spiritual man, he believes that we are to love, serve and encourage others. Demanding a co-worker is not a skill he has developed. Nor does he seek to develop in this area.

There are only three options to these office shenanigans. We can indulge with the rest of those who verbally pillage. We can choose to ignore them. Or we can make our position known and oppose the offenders. All three options come with risks and rewards.

Those who indulge in politics and gossip add fuel to the fire. Although they are perceived as a part of the group that is involved, participation only increases the problem. That obstacle is the discussion. It is off focus. While at work we are to accomplish tasks that are in the best interest of our employer. These conversations are counter productive. People are discouraged, skeptical and critical because of participation. Only those who are willing to assume responsibility for these consequences should join in the fray.

The second option is to ignore the problem. Although this does not support the negative affects, neither are they diminished. Those who participate and those who ignore are equally likely to be attacked when they are not in attendance at any give conversation. That risk is still a concern. In addition, the benefit of belonging to the participating offenders is not realized in this option. One who chooses this option receives all of the consequences with none of the rewards.

The final option is opposition to the problem. The benefit of this decision is that we get the satisfaction of the result of the correction. However, we are seen as outsiders, which makes us even more likely to be criticized by those who choose to participate. In my opinion this is the best decision for those who are healthy (physically, financially, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.)

Those who choose this option need to distinguish the problem from the people involved. Then we need to love the people and attack the problem. Build relationships with those who participate. They will soon notice that you are not entangled with the problem. Most people do not want this burden. You may have an opportunity to share how you have avoided implication and the damage caused by the problem.

There are three options, yet only one is productive and helpful. Those who choose it will be criticized, but they are contributing to the well being of their team.

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ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME WITHDRAWAL
OF OWNER(S) OR
CANCELLATION**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
D & G Custom Engine Detail-
ing
ORIGINAL DATE FILED:
12/23/03
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the per-
son(s) listed below has/have
ceased doing business under
the assumed name or
has/have no further connec-
tion or financial interest in
said business. Withdrawal
shall be effective 11/23/04.
George Haynal
25196 Wayside Pl.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847)587-0575.
The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) withdrawing
from the business this 23rd
day of November 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 23, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1203A-6933-LV
December 3, 10, 17, 2004

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Blurtch
NATURE/PURPOSE:
IT/Computer support and con-
sulting
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
216 Waterbury Circle, Lake
Villa, IL 60046, (847) 833-
2546

NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
John W. Laurel B. Osmond,
801 S. Grand Ave, Wauke-
sha, WI 53186, (262)522-
9277.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the un-
dersigned intend(s) to con-
duct the above named busi-
ness from the location(s) in-
dicated and that the true and
legal full name(s) of the
person(s) owning, conducting
or transacting the business
is/are correct as shown.
/s/ John W. Osmond
/s/ Laurel B. Osmond
Nov. 26, 2004

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
29th day of November 2004.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Judy Larson
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 2, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1210B-6942-LV
December 10, 17, 24, 2004

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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
November 2, 2004**
Defendant Katrina Shauli,
whose last known place of
residence is 22045 W. Cedar
Lane, Antioch, ILL. 60002,
otherwise the place of resi-
dence being unknown, will
take notice that on (May 28,
2004), Plaintiff, Jeffery M.
Shauli, filed for Divorce pro-
ceedings in the Court of Com-
mon Pleas Court of Seneca
County, Ohio. The Defendant
named above is required to
answer on or before the expi-
ration of forty-two (42) days of
this publication. (Of date
above).
Case number: 04DR0145
Judge: Michael P. Kelbley

Jeffery M. Shauli
127 Ella St.
Tiffin, OH. 44883

1105A-6892-AN
Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2004
Dec. 3, 10, 2004

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1997 Pontiac Grand Am
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Hainesville, IL 60030
1210B-6946-GL
Dec. 10, 2004

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Paris Nail Spa
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Nail Salon
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
3070 W. Route 60, Suite A8,
Mundelein, IL 60060.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Bachlie Huynh, 4514 W. For-
est Ave., Waukegan, IL
60085, (847)623-2853.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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legal full name(s) of the
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or transacting the business
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/s/ Bachlie Huynh
November 16, 2004

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
16th day of November 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Roger W. Verme
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 16, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
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November 26, 2004
December 3, 10, 2004

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
VHS4DVD
NATURE/PURPOSE:
DVD Products & Services
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1005 Grant Pl., Wauconda,
IL 60084, (847)526-5691.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Dawn, Kevin Kent, 1005
Grant Pl., Wauconda, IL
60084, (847)526-5691.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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dersigned intend(s) to con-
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gal full name(s) of the
person(s) owning, conducting
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/s/ Dawn Kent
/s/ Kevin Kent
Nov. 21, 2004
The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
22nd day of November
2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Nancy Luna
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 22, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1126D-6919-WL
November 26, 2004
December 3, 10, 2004

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
3-D Dental Service
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Dentistry
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
48 S. Old Rand Rd., Lake
Zurich, IL 60047, (847) 438-
6485. 11 Nippersink Blvd.,
Fox Lake, IL 60020, (847)
587-5053.

NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Dan Dohnalek, DDS, 325 Ah-
wahnee Rd., Lake Forest, IL
60045, (847)615-0060.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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/s/ Dan. Dohnalek
Nov. 10, 2004

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was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
10th. day of November
2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Judy C. Moloney
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 17, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1126D-6920-WL
November 26, 2004
December 3, 10, 2004

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
SAG Enterprises/Pizza Italia
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Restaurant carry out pizza
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
277 Evergreen Dr., Vernon
Hills, IL 60061, (847) 816-
6161.

NAME(S) AND POST
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ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Allen Glandonato, 2415 Hid-
den Trail, Spring Grove, IL
60081, (815)675-3408.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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/s/ Allen Glandonato
November 22, 2004

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was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
22nd day of November
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OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Dawn M. Weisell
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 22, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1126D-6925-LB
November 26, 2004
December 3, 10, 2004

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Vans Electric
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Commercial & Residential
Electrical Install
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
26035 W. IL. Route 60, Gray-
slake, IL 60030, (847)546-
1086.

NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Jerry VanDyke, 26035 W. IL.
Route 60, Grayslake, IL.
60030, (847)546-1086.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
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legal full name(s) of the
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/s/ Jerry VanDyke
Nov. 19, 2004

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
19th day of November 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Candy Welch
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 22, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1203A-6934-GL
December 3, 10, 17, 2004

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
For Keeps
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Hand made Jewelry-Whole-
sale Distributor
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
302 Blossom, Apt. 102, Lake-
moor, IL 60051, (815)363-
0346.

NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Colleen A. Lennon, 302 Bos-
som, Apt. 102, Lakemoor, IL.
60051, (815)363-0346.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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legal full name(s) of the
person(s) owning, conducting
or transacting the business
is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Colleen A. Lennon
July 29, 2004

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Candy Welch
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 22, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1203A-6935-FL
December 3, 10, 17, 2004

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
D and L Carpet Cleaning
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Carpet cleaning
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
685 Brittany Square, Apt. #4,
Grayslake, IL 60030,
(847)770-7248.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Fernando D. Meza, 685 Brit-
tany Square, Apt. #4, Gray-
slake, IL 60030.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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/s/ Fernando D. Meza
Dec. 2, 2004

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The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this 2nd
day of December 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Horn
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 2, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1210B-6943-GL
December 10, 17, 24, 2004

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
North Suburban Cleaning
Service
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Cleaning Service
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
650 Whitney Ct. #107, Gur-
neer, IL 60031, (847)212-
9389.

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CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
AVON-FREMONT DRAINAGE) Gen. No. 70 MR 127
DISTRICT, LAKE COUNTY,)
ILLINOIS.)

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Avon-Fremont Drainage District have filed their annual financial report with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois. Any objections to said report must be filed with the Clerk of the Court on or before December 20, 2004, in the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street, Waukegan, Illinois. A copy of the objections must be sent to the attorney for the District at the address indicated below. There will be a hearing on the Report on December 29, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom C-304, Lake County Courthouse.

DATED: December 10, 2004

SALLY D. COFFELT
Circuit Clerk

1210B-6940-AN
December 10, 2004

John P. Richtman
Attorney for Avon-Fremont Drainage District
P.O. Box 284
Grayslake, IL 60030
Telephone: (847)223-1500
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PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PROBATE DIVISION

ESTATE OF)
HARRY M. VAWTER) 04P1050
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of HARRY M. VAWTER of Lake County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 18, 2004, to THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY of 50 South LaSalle Street, B-6, Chicago, Illinois 60675, as independent Executor, whose attorney is Vincent L. Palmieri, Ray & Glick, Ltd., 611 South Milwaukee Ave., P.O. Box 400, Libertyville, Illinois 60048.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street, Waukegan, Illinois 60085, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of issuance of Letters and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Vincent L. Palmieri, Esq.
RAY & GLICK, LTD.
P.O. Box 400
Libertyville, Illinois 60048
Attorney

The Northern Trust Company
Attention: Mary Claire Malloy
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SQUAW)
CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT,) Gen. No. 70 MR 125
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS)

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Squaw Creek Drainage District have filed their annual financial report with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois. Any objections to said report must be filed with the Clerk of the Court on or before December 20, 2004, in the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street, Waukegan, Illinois. A copy of the objections must be sent to the attorney for the District at the address indicated below. There will be a hearing on the Report on December 29, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom C-304, Lake County Courthouse.

DATED: December 10, 2004

SALLY D. COFFELT
Circuit Clerk

1210B-6939-AN
December 10, 2004

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PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE GRUBB)
SCHOOL DRAINAGE DISTRICT) Gen. No. 73 MR 114
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.)

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Grubb School Drainage District have filed their annual financial report with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois. Any objections to said report must be filed with the Clerk of the Court on or before December 20, 2004, in the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street, Waukegan, Illinois. A copy of the objections must be sent to the attorney for the District at the address indicated below. There will be a hearing on the Report on December 29, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom C-304, Lake County Courthouse.

DATED: December 10, 2004

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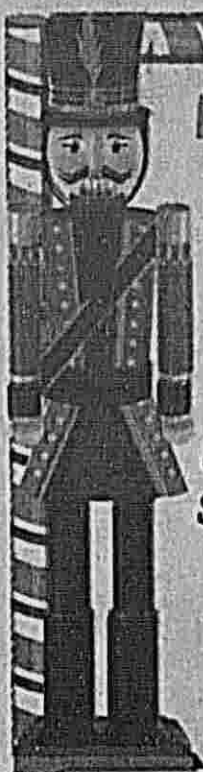
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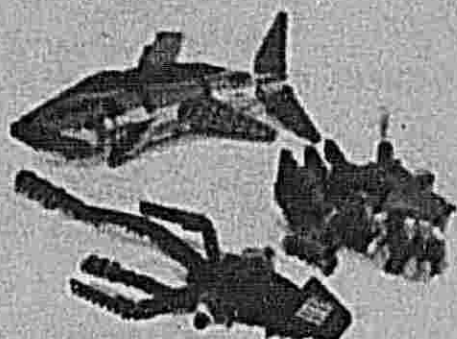
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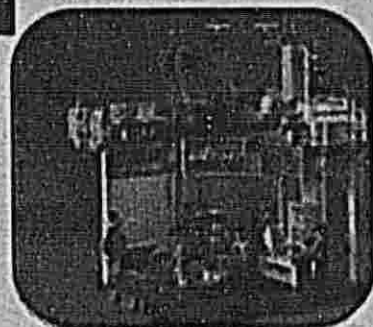
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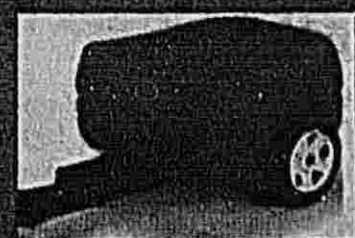


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